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A recent explosion and fire at a local hyperbaric oxygen treatment facility at the south end of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea stopped traffic in both directions on Ocean Drive, while two helicopters hovered overhead and a third medi-vac helicopter landed in the front lawn of the Fountainhead condominium. Full story starts below.

LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA HEROES HONORED FOR BRAVERY

by Mark Brown



Sheriff Al Lamberti, Chief Scott Gooding, Deputy John Melbourne, Mayor Roseann Minnet, Mark Mitchell, Sgt. Tom Palmer and Lt. Angelo Cedeno at the awards ceremony

Two local heroes from Lauderdale-By-The-Sea were honored by the Broward Sheriff's Office on May 6 for risking their lives to save others who were in danger. Maj. Mark Mitchell, a resident of the Ocean Colony condominium, was named Citizen of the Year by the BSO--the highest honor a private citizen can receive in the county. Deputy John Melbourne, an LBTS police officer, was awarded the Medal of Honor, also the highest award a uniformed officer can receive.

The award ceremony took place before a packed house at the Broward Performing Arts' Amarturo Theater.

Both Mitchell and Melbourne were greeted with thunderous standing ovations from the crowd as they received their plaques from Sheriff Al Lamberti. They were the only two of the 20 people honored by the BSO to receive such enthusiastic displays of support from the audience.

Mitchell was honored for singlehandedly rescuing a woman who nearly drowned last October 25 after she was caught in a rip tide and swept out to sea. Melbourne was honored for rushing into a smoke-filled building and pulling a four-year old boy to safety following an explosion and fire at the Ocean Hyperbaric Center

in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea on May 1. (See story below.)

Mitchell, who is a pilot for JetBlue Airways, nearly missed the event. He had flown to San Diego the day before, and then had to fly all night to Boston and Ft. Lauderdale to get to the ceremony. He was met at the airport by LBTS Police Chief Scott Gooding, who had nominated him for the award, and the two rushed to the performing arts center, arriving just minutes before Mitchell was called to the stage. Mitchell did not even have time to change out of his pilot's uniform.

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EXPLOSION AT LBTS OXYGEN CLINIC

by Mark Brown

The Ocean Hyperbaric Oxygen Center in LBTS has been shut down indefinitely as investigators work to determine the cause of an explosion on May 1 which killed a 61-year old woman and severely burned her four-year old grandson. The oxygen center had been in operation at the corner of Ocean Drive and Codrington Drive in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea since 1972.

The state Fire Marshal's Office, Florida Department of Health, Broward Sheriff's Office, Broward County, Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office and the town of LBTS all have investigations underway at this time to try to determine the cause of the explosion, whether or not the facility was properly inspected and in compliance with all required standards, and if there were any possible criminal violations. Mrs. Vincenza Pesce of Italy died as a result of the explosion. Her grandson, Francesco Martinizi, is clinging to life despite being severely burned over 90% of his body.

BSO spokesman Mike Jachles said it appears from the initial investigation that a tube attached to an oxygen chamber which the boy was lying in became dislodged, causing an explosion and flash fire in the chamber, which was filled with 100% pure oxygen at the time. Jachles said three oxygen chambers have been removed from the building for examination to help determine the cause of the blast. In addition, a 1,500-pound underground liquid oxygen tank located in back of the building was drained as a safety precaution.

Jachles said it may be several more weeks before the Fire Marshal's Office and BSO homicide detectives complete their investigation. "The investigation is ongoing," Jachles said. "We are interviewing witnesses and looking at the physical evidence. The State Fire Marshal is taking the lead on that. We (BSO) are investigating the death."

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LBTS VFD GETS MIXED ISO REVIEW

by Mark Brown

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) has completed its review of the LBTS volunteer fire department and has given the VFD a mixed report card. The VFD scored extremely well in categories involving fixed assets in town, such as water supply, fire hydrants, communications and firefighting equipment.

However, the VFD received extremely low marks in categories which are unique to the department, such as firefighter training, availability of firefighters to respond to a first alarm, and inspections of buildings and fire hydrants. The department scored especially low marks for its training program, which is the responsibility of Deputy Chief/Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee.

The VFD scored zero for officer training, zero for driver and operator training and zero for training on hazardous materials. The VFD also received less than one point out of a possible score of 25 for its overall company training.

The ISO is a private organization hired by the insurance industry to evaluate fire departments. The information compiled by the ISO will be used by insurance companies to help determine the price of fire insurance for businesses and residences in LBTS. Overall, the VFD received a rating of 4, which is the same rating which the Broward Sheriff's Office had when it provided fire protection for the town.

Turn to page 5 for a closer look at the major categories which the ISO considered in calculating the fire department's varied rating.

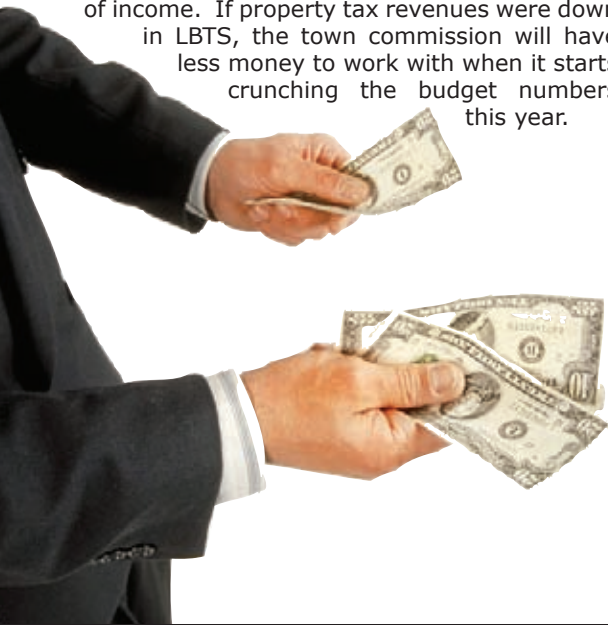
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IT'S VOODOO ECONOMICS TIME IN LBTS ONCE AGAIN

by Mark Brown

In just a few weeks, the LBTS commission will begin its annual ritual of compiling the town's budget for the next fiscal year. Unlike last year, when the commissioners relied heavily on gimmicks and voodoo economics to balance the budget and lower the milage rate by a fraction, it is going to be much more of a challenge for them to make the town's financial ends meet next year.

To begin with, property assessments were down an average of 12-20% countywide last year, according to the Broward Property Appraiser's Office. That's good news for homeowners if their property taxes go down, but it's bad news for local governments, since they depend on property taxes as their principal source of income. If property tax revenues were down in LBTS, the town commission will have less money to work with when it starts crunching the budget numbers this year.



On top of that, the town will most likely be faced with several multi-million dollar lawsuits under Florida's Bert J. Harris Act, stemming from the ill-advised height limit in the north end of town which was approved in 2006. It is going to cost the town tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees alone to defend against these suits, and who knows how many millions more if the town loses. Bear in mind that the town commission chose to hire the town attorney on a \$200 an hour basis, rather than an annual retainer. How good does that decision look now in view of the enormous number of hours which the town attorney's firm will be able to bill the taxpayers of LBTS for handling these lawsuits?

To make matters worse, the town commission has already used up most of the gimmicks and one-time savings which it had available. For example, the commission voted last year to postpone almost every project on the town's future capital improvement list. That saved the town about \$5 million, but it was a paper savings only since the money had never been appropriated in the first place. The town still has \$8 million in debt to retire, but this time there are no future projects left to erase to make it appear as if the budget deficit is going down.

Second, the commissioners cancelled the sewer project at the Palm Club. That created a one-time savings of about \$3.5 million, but they turned around and spent it all: some to retire debt, some for pet projects in local neighborhoods, and more than \$2 million to purchase and renovate an old motel next to Jarvis Hall which continues to drain money from the town and sits virtually empty--except for the many cars which park in the lot on A1A which was supposed to be reserved for ambulances only.

Third, the commission replaced the Broward Sheriff's Office fire-rescue operations with the volunteer fire department and AMR. That created a one-time savings of about \$1.7 million, but that savings is now built into the budget and can't be replicated to reduce next year's budget.

So the question is, with less money coming into the town from property tax revenues, huge legal bills on the way, and most of the gimmicks and one-time savings options used up, how will the town commission balance next year's budget? One good starting place would be for the commission to reconsider the \$20 a year residential and beach parking pass program which it approved a few weeks ago.

As Commissioner Stuart Dodd has rightly pointed out, \$20 is too low for an annual parking pass. The program will be expensive to administer and it will seriously cut the town's take in parking meter revenues at a time when the town badly needs more income. What's more, it is hypocritical for the commission to charge local restaurants as much as \$500 a week to use town streets for music events which fill the parking lots and bring money into the town, but to give away valuable public parking spaces for less than 40 cents a week. The commissioners were elected to be responsible stewards of the town's assets, not to use them as weapons to punish local businesses or tools to hand out goodies to curry favors with the voters.

Several commissioners have been patting themselves on the back quite often lately because they balanced the budget last year without raising taxes. It would be wise to hold the applause until we see what they come up with this year.

WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?

by Cindy Geesey

The three commissioners who control the dais - McIntee, Clottey and Silverstone -- are becoming an even bigger joke than they ever tried to portray The Old Guard to be. It's been fascinating to watch, but a sad sight to see at the same time. Their antics at Commission meetings demean every single citizen of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. They continue to make us a laughingstock of the County, if not the State.

Where are the priorities? McIntee is still obsessed with attacking Mayor Minnet at every opportunity and he brings in topics such as private condo affairs that have no relevance to town business. He thinks he has the right to know, investigate and attack every aspect of her personal and business life, and the more he does that, the more of a bully he shows himself to be. The words "class" and "gentleman" will never be applied to him. Expecting the State Attorney to investigate a \$33 expenditure for GreenFest was nothing but absurd. He is simply resentful that Minnet (a woman, no less!) is Mayor and he is not and never will be. He also clearly resents the fact that Commissioner Dodd, whom he was sure was in his hip pocket, now does his own thorough research, makes his own independent decisions, and won't bend to the almighty "Will of McIntee." As much as McIntee is out to get those who never liked him, he is even more determined to bring down those who once supported him before they saw the light (i.e. switched from Kool Aid to Crystal Light). He's shown himself to be quite impotent in that regard.

Where are the priorities? Clottey wants to spend your tax dollars for pest control on other citizens' private property. She wants to force residents to allow people they don't know to cross their private property to get to the beach they paid to live on. She claims to have received complaints regarding a number of topics but can't provide any proof or backup, and BSO has no record of these complaints. Jerry McIntee says "jump" and fellow Town Commissioner Clottey asks, "Is this high enough?"

Where are the priorities? Silverstone has always been a hard working, respected and successful local businessman. Now he's jumped on the anti-business bandwagon with McIntee and Clottey. First he was happy to join McIntee in his vindictive effort to remove the Chamber of Commerce from their long time home at the Welcome Center; that time he actually listened to the Will of the People and the Chamber stayed where it always has been. Now he's happily going along with his mentor, and with Clottey, on the latest anti-business, anti-fun, anti-good-economy moves.

In case you haven't heard - or seen the long line of residents appearing at recent commission meetings in protest -- without any documented complaints about any loud noise, the Three Grouches have decided that music at events sponsored by downtown restaurants might be too loud. This calls for code enforcement officers - and McIntee, Clottey and Silverstone - to take a decibel level meter and patrol the downtown area. While they're at it, they think there might be more people attending these events than estimated in the restaurant's permit application. Be careful when you exit Kilwin's with your ice cream cone; you might be counted as a participant at a restaurant event, thus putting them over the attendee limit and perhaps shutting down the whole fun evening for everyone. Wow!



McIntee loves his special events, like the 4th of July festivities that will be used as his campaign kick-off, at taxpayer expense. He wants to increase the money available for his parties, and he's come up with an idea that is all anti-business. He wants to charge any restaurants that use part of the public streets a price per square foot and put that money in a "lock box" for his events. These restaurant events are often a loss for the businesses involved, they fill up otherwise empty parking meters, and they bring in revenue and tax dollars to keep LBTS alive and thriving. It's well known that every downtown restaurant already generously contributes to town events, but McIntee wants to "double dip." (Ahh, reminds me of when he was "double dipping" himself, claiming homestead exemptions here and in New York, before he was caught.)

Demanding more money and more restrictions from dedicated, hardworking and community loving businesspeople like David Gadsby, Peggy Mohler, Guy Contrada, Louis and Spiro Marchelos, and Michael Batt is just greedy and self serving. Shame on McIntee, Clottey and Silverstone.

Get your priorities in order! Hurricane season is coming and there's no effort at all being made to find a way to get our overhead lines buried. Beautification and safety in one move - what a concept. Stop looking for problems where none exist and look for solutions to the problems we do have. Think about that McIntee, Clottey and Silverstone.

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FOR THE SAKE OF CHANGE

Dear Town Commission:

I don't think we need a new noise ordinance. Possibly a better solution would be to get three new members of the Town Commission.

It seems to me that the worst thing about politicians at all levels of government is that they feel a great need to make a lot of changes, whether changes are desirable or not. My favorite kind of politician is one who doesn't do very much.

J. Amos, LBTS Resident

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ADVICE FOR A WORLD IN RECESSION

by Dr. Kenneth Most

One of the many features of our world that never fails to amaze me is the fact that those financial advisers whose counsel resulted in their clients losing a large part of their savings are still in business. (Bernard Madoff excepted, of course). They are even continuing to offer their advice, judging from their advertisements and articles which some innocent investors are presumably paying for.

As a possible antidote to this disease, I offer some thoughts distilled from many years as an observer of the subject, and as an investor. In the interest of full disclosure, I admit at the outset that my own portfolios have suffered substantial paper losses, although my income from investments has remained constant.

In 1961, I published a book entitled "How To Make Money On The Stock Exchange" (London: Museum Press). It was the beginning of the Wider Share Ownership movement and I believed that this new share-buying public needed educating. The book was reviewed in "The Financial Times" and the reviewer wrote: "Anyone who follows Dr. Most's advice is not likely to make a lot of money, but he probably won't lose much either." I took this to be a validation of my approach, but the book flopped. The stock market fell nearly 40% the week it appeared: it was remaindered and has since disappeared without trace.

Underlying my pedagogy were certain basic assumptions. I distinguish between investment, financial investment and speculation. I define investment as the allocation of scarce resources for the production of goods and services. In this formulation, it is possible for the products to be less valuable to society than the resources that went into their making, resulting in losses.

Financial investment is the allocation of money for the production of money, commonly known as "return on investment," and is similarly at risk of loss. Implicit in the concept of financial investment, however, and in the concept of return on investment, is the need to maintain capital intact. However, this does not mean that \$1,000 must remain \$1,000 before one can be said to have obtained a return. An obvious illustration is provided by inflation.

A less obvious illustration is provided by a recession. Suppose that the \$1,000 invested produces \$100 annually. Abstracting here from the problem of inflation, assume that the investment's market value is reduced to \$500 but the income remains \$100 per annum. Then we may say that capital (the tree) has remained intact because income (the fruit) remains the same. This is the typical recession formula, which unfortunately is not understood by governments, many businesses and the economists who advise them. If it were, we would witness today a widespread writing down of assets and a drastic reduction in prices, which in the long run would guarantee survival.



To understand the meaning of speculation, we must distinguish between risk and chance and to invoke the concept of probability. A risky situation is an aleatory state in which probabilities are known or can be calculated. We do not know who is going to get married this year, but wedding gown manufacturers can calculate

how many gowns to make. A chance situation is one in which probabilities are unknown and usually unknowable, as at the race track. Whereas all investment involves risk, speculation is a game of chance. Day traders and those buying and selling foreign exchange are speculators, and I wish them the best of luck.

In a subsequent article I will expand on these ideas, and hopefully be able to offer some investment advice for these uncertain times.

Dr. Kenneth Most is a retired professor of economics and resident of LBTS

YOUR MEDDLING COMMISSION

I have been enjoying a quick "Spring Break" from Wisconsin winters in LBTS for over 19 years. Being recently retired, my wife and I were able to spend the entire month of March in your community. We had a WONDERFUL time. We enjoyed being able to walk throughout LBTS including mornings along El Mar Drive, the unique restaurants and shops, the annual Arts & Craft Fair, Jazz on the Square, Elvis, the St Patrick's Day celebration, the Florida Police Bag Pipe Band, friendly people, and your beautiful beaches and weather. We are looking forward to returning in 2010, but are concerned that everything is not copacetic in paradise.

While the new beach pavilion is a welcoming gateway to the Atlantic, we do not understand why restrooms were not deemed necessary but adding a clock is now being discussed. We were also surprised to learn the pavilion cost about \$370,000. But then it did take the entire month of March to add the green metal roof which might explain the seemingly high cost for an open air structure.

We recently read that time and money is being spent to determine who owns the Anglin's Fishing Pier sign, though I am not sure why it is important after 45 years. And now the Town Commission is considering a new noise ordinance which seems so restrictive that it will most likely eliminate all outdoor activities, even events such as the temporary grand opening of the beach pavilion.

Please don't meddle with the beauty and charm of Lauderdale by the Sea by eliminating reasons to gather and enjoy outdoor activities and events because we are looking forward to enjoying them all again during March 2010.

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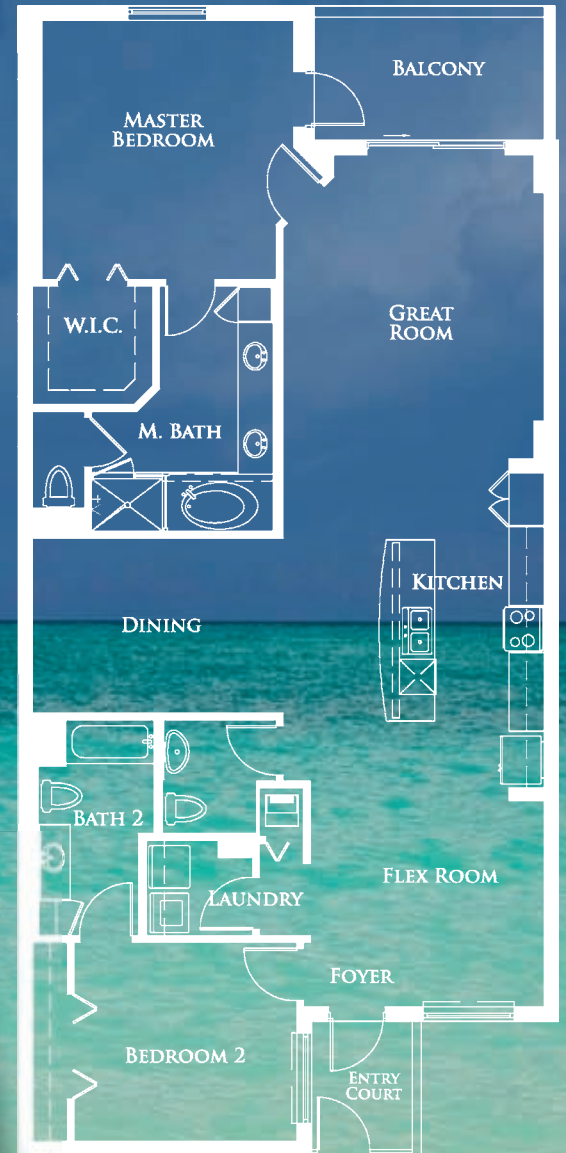
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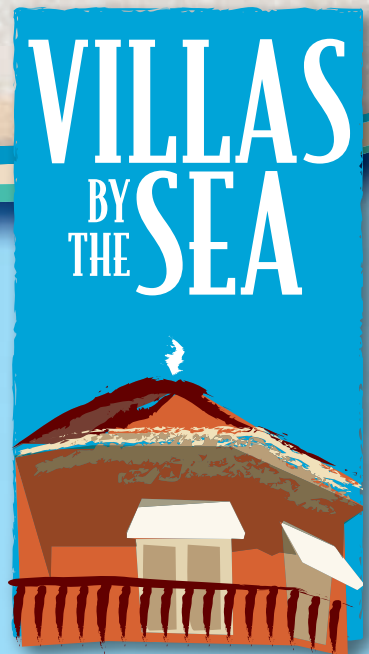
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The scene in front of the hyperbaric center was chaotic in the minutes following the explosion. At least a dozen employees of other offices in the three-story building, as well as several patients and family members who were in the oxygen center, stood anxiously outside the building, some crying from the shock of their sudden evacuation and close brush with death. Although no one else was said to have been injured, medics could be seen attending to some of the evacuees. Traffic was stopped in both directions on Ocean Drive, while two helicopters hovered overhead and a third medi-vac helicopter landed in the front lawn of the Fountainhead condominium.

BSO Deputy John Melbourne was the first to arrive on the scene. According to Jachles, Melbourne fought his way into the building through the dark smoke. "The chamber was on fire when our deputy went in there," Jachles said. "The smoke was so heavy that people were driven back by it. He risked his life to go in there

and pull this little boy out." Melbourne ordered an immediate evacuation of the building, then grabbed the little boy from the burning chamber and carried him outside.

LBTS volunteer firefighters and paramedics from AMR had arrived at the scene moments after the BSO. Chief Robert Perkins and firefighters Jim Silverstone and Daniel Chavez went into the burning building and carried Mrs. Pesce outside.

Martinizi was attended to by medics from AMR and wheeled across the street to the waiting helicopter in front of the Fountainhead. He was flown by BSO Air Rescue to Jackson Memorial Hospital's burn unit in Miami. Mrs. Pesce was also attended to by AMR and was transported by ambulance to the same hospital, where she died the following day.

The Ocean Hyperbaric Center is one of about a half-

dozen such clinics in South Florida. The center treats patients with severe head injuries, neurological disorders and other serious problems. Patients are placed in hyperbaric chambers which are filled with 100% oxygen to help infuse oxygen into their cells. Mrs. Pesce was reportedly holding her grandson's hand while he was lying in the chamber at the time of the explosion.

Jachles said the equipment being used in the Center appeared to be extremely old. "I'm told they stopped making those machines in 1965," he said.

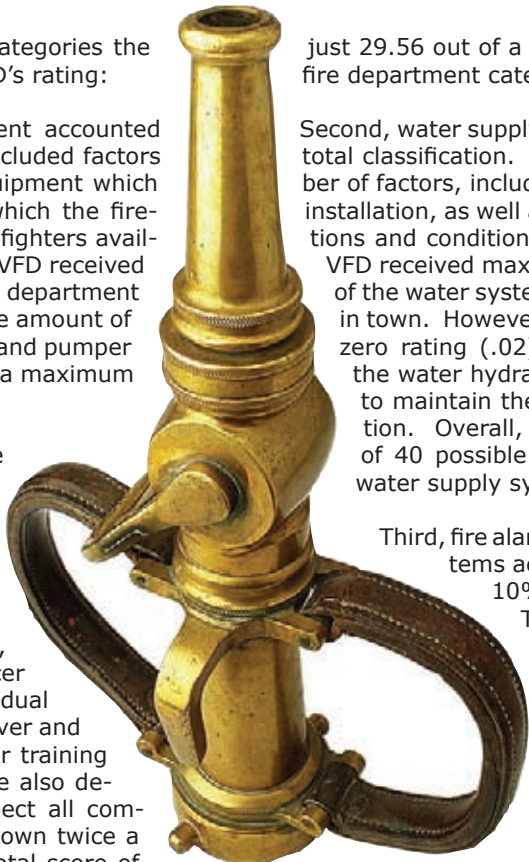
PAID VOLUNTEERS GET MIXED REVIEW BY ISO

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Here is a closer look at the major categories the ISO considered in calculating the VFD's rating:

First, a review of the fire department accounted for 50% of the classification. This included factors such as the type and amount of equipment which the VFD has, the level of training which the firefighters have, and the number of firefighters available to respond to a first alarm. The VFD received a mixed review in this category. The department received a relatively high score for the amount of equipment it has, including pumpers and pumper capacity, earning 18.04 points out of a maximum of 26.

When it came to training, however, the department did far worse. The VFD received a score of just 9.25 out of 15 for the number of firefighters who are available to respond to a first alarm. The VFD received a score of only 2.34 out of a possible 9 for firefighter training. For example, the VFD received zero points for officer training, less than one point for individual firefighter training, zero points for driver and operator training, and zero points for training on hazardous materials. Points were also deducted for the VFD's failure to inspect all commercial and residential buildings in town twice a year. Overall, the VFD received a total score of



just 29.56 out of a maximum 50 points in the fire department category.

Second, water supply accounted for 40% of the total classification. The ISO looked at a number of factors, including hydrant size, type and installation, as well as the frequency of inspections and condition of the fire hydrants. The VFD received maximum credit for the quality of the water system and number of hydrants in town. However, the VFD received a near-zero rating (.02) for its failure to inspect the water hydrants on a regular basis and to maintain them in good working condition. Overall, the VFD scored 37.02 out of 40 possible points in the category of water supply system.

Third, fire alarm and communication systems accounted for the remaining 10% of the total classification. The VFD received perfect scores for telephone service and operators, and a near-perfect score for dispatch circuits. Overall, the VFD scored 9.60 points out of a maximum of 10 in this category.



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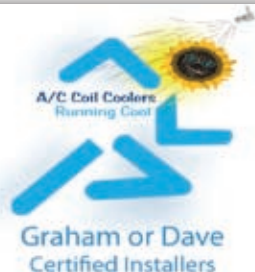
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Former NBC newscaster Jim Dyer, who moderated the event, introduced Mitchell to the crowd. He told them how Mitchell had heard people screaming for help the morning of October 25, and he looked out to see Mrs. Monique Caverni struggling to stay above water more than 100 yards offshore. Dyer said Mitchell swam out to help Mrs. Caverni, reaching her just as she nearly disappeared below the water. Dyer said Mitchell showed "disregard for his own life" as he "heroically rescued the woman from the grips of a fierce ocean." He added that Mitchell was exhausted by the time he reached Mrs. Caverni and nearly gave up, but he pushed through the pain to bring Mrs. Caverni and himself to safety.

As Mitchell accepted his award from Sheriff Lamberti and turned to leave the stage, the audience erupted in applause and a standing ovation. Mitchell seemed stunned by the reaction and said later he was "overwhelmed by the award." The LBTS resident was greeted after the ceremony by many uniformed firefighters and police officers who congratulated him and just wanted to shake his hand. Mitchell was joined at the ceremony by his grandparents, Ralph and Elaine Palis of LBTS, and Mayor Roseann Minnet. "I'm so proud of him," said Mr. Palis. "It's nice to see people get recognized for the good things they do."

As loud as the ovation was for Mitchell, it was nothing compared to the reaction which Deputy Melbourne received when he was called to the stage to accept his medal of honor award from Sheriff Lamberti. Melbourne, who is assigned to the police force in LBTS, was the first to arrive at the scene of the recent explosion at the Hyperbaric Center. Dyer recounted how chaotic the scene was, with medical staff and handicapped children fleeing the building. Dyer said Melbourne "rushed into the smoke-filled building, reached into the burning chamber and brought the boy out."

Just as importantly, Dyer said, Melbourne "took on an impressive leadership role at the scene." He said Melbourne stayed calm and evacuated everyone from the building. Drawing on his 12 years prior experience with the bomb squad, Melbourne then directed the fire and rescue operation at the scene, while making sure that the crime scene remained intact. "He is a professional, irreplaceable resource to BSO," Dyer said.

Like Mitchell, Melbourne was mobbed by his colleagues and the news media even before he had time to get off the stage. He too seemed a little overwhelmed by the attention, expressing his sympathy to the family of the burned boy and his grandmother who died as a result of the explosion. "I'm so proud to be in the company of these two great men," Mayor Minnet stated after the ceremony. "They selflessly served Lauderdale-By-The-Sea."



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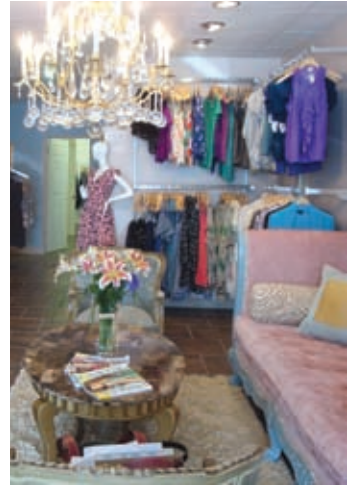
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NEW DESTINATION STORE OPENS

by Cindy Geesey

Another store has opened in the LBTS community that will act as a destination store, drawing shoppers to the area who will hopefully patronize other businesses as well.

The Grand Opening of **Lilac and Lilies** at 229 Commercial Boulevard was held on April 30 with Mayor Roseann Minnet cutting the ribbon and Commissioner Stuart Dodd assisting. Over 125 people attended the elegant party at this contemporary women's clothing boutique owned and operated by fashion expert Michelle Dimarco. Michelle is not only a resident of LBTS, but she showed that she believes in supporting her fellow local business people by ordering the unique invitations from Jo-An's Papers, the delicious food from Delacaseas and the beautiful flowers from Garden of Love. Michelle said, "the party was a great way to launch a business" and it was clear that the attendees loved the merchandise as well as the festivities. The shop is elegant and welcoming, and it's a place a woman will feel pampered with personal attention and fashion advice. Find out more about Lilac and Lilies at www.lilacandlilies.com.



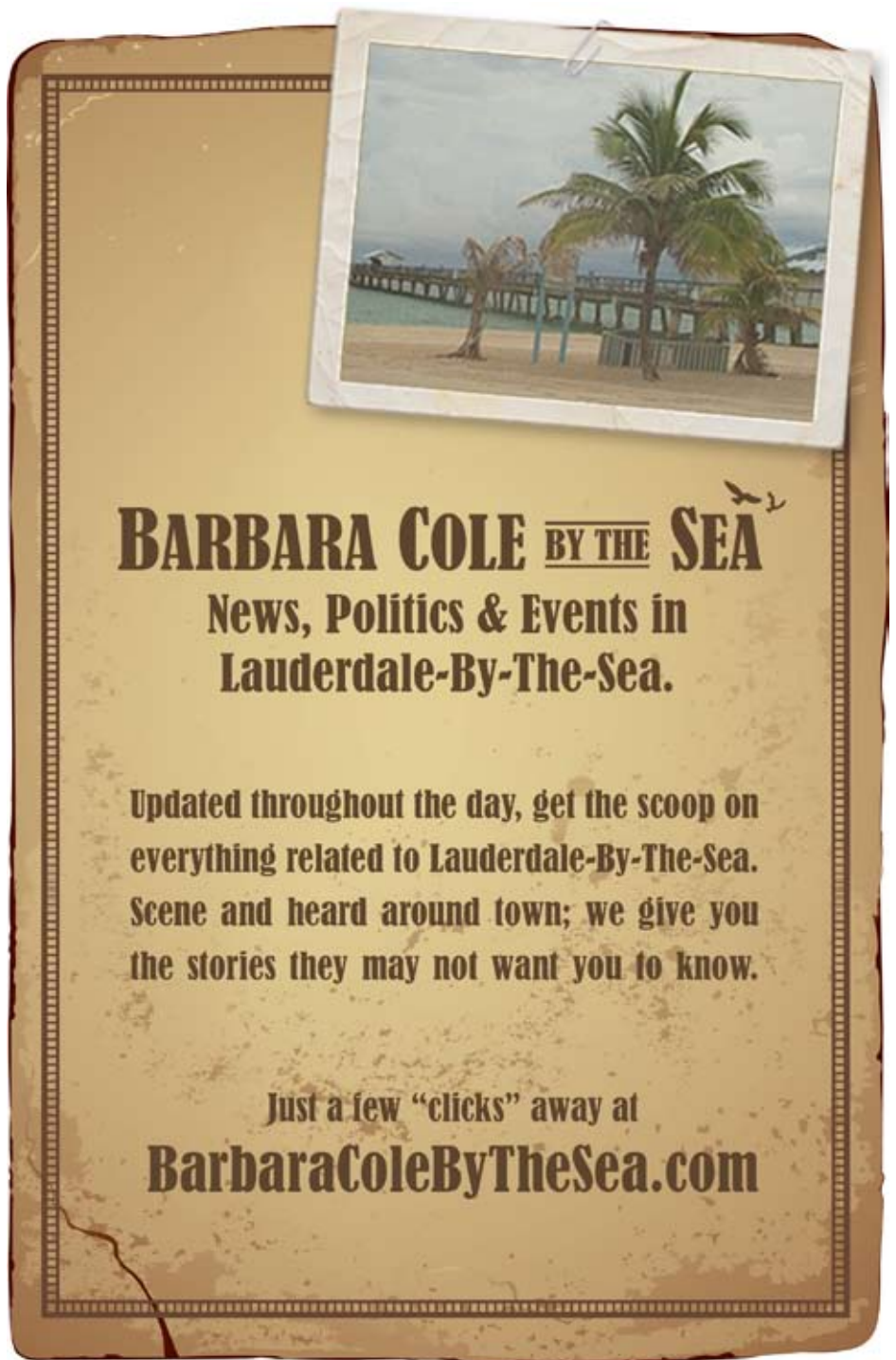
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WHERE DO YOUR TOWN COMMISSIONERS STAND?



In each of our issues, ByTheSeaFuture publishes a list of the major votes taken by the LBTS Town Commission and a breakdown of how Mayor Roseann Minnet and Commissioners Stuart Dodd, Jerry McIntee, Birute Clottey and Jim Silverstone voted on each issue. Here is how they voted on April 28 and May 12, 2009. Read the full commission meeting report below for details about how it all went down.

ITEM VOTED ON:	Minnet	McIntee	Silverstone	Clottey	Dodd
spend \$15,000 for 4th of July fireworks celebration	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
study cost of removing plaques honoring past commissioners from beach portals	N	Y	Y	N	Y
grant exclusive rights to Choice Environmental Systems to collect recyclables	no vote	Y	Y	Y	Y
set new restrictions on property rentals in residential neighborhoods	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
allow unlimited parking at 15 prime beach spaces for special permit holders	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
spend \$1,750 to sponsor concert by Lynn University instrumentalists	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
approve three-month permit for Village Grille's Friday night jazz on the square	N	Y	Y	Y	N
approve three-month permit for Athena Restaurant's Saturday night Elvis performances	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
discuss performance review for town manager at June 30 commission roundtable	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
direct town manager to clarify procedures for dealing with the news media	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
resolution to consider ways to build citizenship in the community	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
seek permit to install temporary lighting in beach pavilion on Commercial Boulevard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
seek new bids for company to process parking meter violations	Y	Y	N	Y	Y

COMMISSION MEETINGS REPORT - 4-28-09 & 5-12-09

It wasn't so much what they did, it's what the LBTS town commissioners did not do at their May 12 meeting which mattered the most. The commission had been scheduled to consider three hot-button items dealing with the volunteer fire department, noise restrictions and unifying the town code. They ended up delaying consideration of all three items until future meetings, which enabled them to actually finish the commission meeting on time for one of the few times this year.

The most controversial item which the commission deferred was a proposal to make the volunteer fire department the permanent fire suppression unit in town. Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee, who also serves as deputy chief of the VFD, sponsored the ordinance. McIntee had scheduled a vote on the ordinance the night before the commission was due to hold a workshop to hear public comments on the idea. With no explanation, McIntee abruptly pulled his proposal from the agenda and said he would bring it back at a yet-to-be determined date.

The commission also pulled a proposal to set new, arbitrary noise levels in town, and to deny permits to businesses which violate the noise standards. The commission had previously approved this ordinance on first reading, despite fierce opposition from the restaurant and hotel industry and many town residents. The commissioners decided to delay final consideration of the ordinance until June, to give them a chance to personally attend the weekend music fests downtown and gauge the noise levels for themselves.

Also pulled was an ordinance which sought to unify the town code on a host of issues ranging from hedge heights and fences to signage and roof overhangs.

Although the ordinance had previously been approved on first reading, Commissioner Stuart Dodd said some of the items which the commission had discussed did not appear in the final version of the ordinance. The commissioners also decided to change the ordinance to allow non-conforming buildings which are more than 50% damaged by a catastrophic event to be rebuilt to their original footprint. A final vote on the ordinance is now scheduled for July.

Two other less controversial items were also put off by the commission. At the April 28 meeting, the commissioners delayed action on a proposal to severely restrict kite surfing off the beach, and to charge kite surfers \$100 to purchase a license from the town. More than a dozen kite surfers attended the meeting to defend their sport and protest the proposed restrictions. Also delayed at the May 12 meeting was a proposal to conduct a personnel review of Town Manager Esther Colon, as required by her contract. The commission will discuss this matter instead at a roundtable on June 30.

While the major items of business were pushed off to future dates, the commission did get some work done during the two commission meetings. They voted to investigate the cost of removing the plaques which were installed at the beach portals honoring past town commissioners. Instead, the commission intends to create an "honor roll" listing the names of all past commissioners, to be installed at an undetermined location. The vote was 3-2, with Mayor Roseann Minnet and Commissioner Birute Clottey voting no.

The commission gave preliminary approval to an ordinance which would prohibit short-term property rentals in residential neighborhoods, and require home-

owners who rent out their homes to obtain a license and pay business taxes. The commission deferred a final vote on extending its existing agreement with Enforcement Technology, Inc. to process parking tickets, to allow time for other companies to be considered. They voted to pay \$1,750 to sponsor a concert by instrumentalists from Lynn University at the Community Church on May 18, beginning at 7 p.m. Commissioner Birute Clottey, who teaches at Lynn, sponsored the resolution and said she hopes it will be the start of a new concert series in town. The commission also approved \$100 to pay for refreshments at the event. The commissioners voted to seek a permit to install temporary lighting in the pavilion, which has no lights at this time.

The commission approved three-month extensions for the Village Grille to continue the jazz concerts it sponsors downtown on Friday nights, and for the Athena Restaurant to continue its Elvis performances on Saturday nights. Both restaurants had requested one-year extensions of their permits. The commission approved \$15,000 for a fireworks display on the fourth of July, despite concerns that shooting the fireworks off from the beach would disrupt turtle nests and be difficult for residents to see.

The commission voted to allow unlimited parking at 15 prime parking spaces near the beach for residents who purchase a special permit from the town for \$20 a year. They voted to announce the winner of the El Mar Drive redesign contest, and the winners of a competition to design new banners which will be hung on the flagpoles along A1A, at the May 26 commission meeting.

LBTS MAYOR'S COMMENTS



MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

This past year has been a memorable one for heroes in our community. On May 6, local resident Mark Mitchell was awarded the Citizen of the Year award by the Broward Sheriff's Office. As many of you know, Mr. Mitchell risked his life to save a woman from the treacherous riptides which are so common in LBTS. His bravery came without hesitation. He received a standing ovation for his actions and I was proud to be in attendance.

The Medal of Honor was given to Deputy John Melbourne, who is assigned to the LBTS police department. His knowledge and expertise were instrumental in rescuing a small child from an explosion. I also want to thank VFD Chief Robert Perkins, Commissioner Jim Silverstone and Daniel Chavez, who rescued the boy's grandmother. Their combined actions and acts of heroism are what makes a community great.

Speaking of great, how would you grade the town of LBTS if someone asked you this question: do you feel this commission is doing its job, or do you feel alienated and distant from the process? The key to any

successful community is education and communication. Have we been doing our job and listening to the people, or are the people apathetic? Each and every resident has a voice in our town. I thank the ones who have expressed their opinions to the dais, but I challenge all to get involved.

This past commission meeting, I presented the resolution "Building Citizenship in the Community: Back to Basics." We will all benefit if more citizens understand what services our town provides, how we pay for those services and how residents can impact their quality of life through active participation in government.

Let's develop an action plan and make civic resources available to residents. Start a speaker's bureau, a citizens academy or youth council. Let's use the commission meetings as an opportunity to improve our community's civic health. Let's engage in thoughtful and civil disclosures on relevant town issues. If we demonstrate this from the dais, we will become more effective leaders. Let's form community partnerships with our local civic groups and businesses. Let's collaborate with our businesses, not push them away.

The last few commission meetings have been an attack on the local businesses without any regard for the integral role they play in the town's bottom line. If we lose our business base, the residents will have

to make up the difference in taxes, and nobody wants to hear this. Let's all be thankful for our healthy commerce, civic groups and local Chamber groups which work diligently to bring more to our community--not only in income, but also in goodwill.

The last few ordinances that have come before the commission have been motivated by self-interest, not public interest. Let's stay on track to provide a framework for all to prosper. The Aruba Beach Cafe recently cancelled its annual Memorial Day event. I am not saying it was because of the constant challenges which business are facing to hold special events in town, but surely that was part of it. Working together is the key to a healthy, friendly and courteous town that will exceed the expectations of our residents.

This past year I was your representative to the Broward League of Cities. I want to express my gratitude for this appointment and I was honored to be the town's delegate. I will continue to serve the League as the first alternate. Please stay posted to Channel 78 and Town Topics for information on upcoming events. May 18 is the spring fling at the Community Church, and I look forward to seeing everyone there. As always, please continue to share your thoughts with me by email at roseannminnet@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov, or by calling me at 954-326-0594. I am always happy to hear from you.

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THE THRILL OF THE GRILL

by Lenore Nolan-Ryan

It's summertime and the rest of the country is just getting their grills out from a long winter's nap. They don't realize that we have been grilling all winter long! But just like the rest of the country we cannot resist grilling in the sultry summer months. At least it keeps the heat out of the kitchen and Dad has a chance to show off his stuff. Dad's in charge! With his chest puffed and baton twirling spatula he flips and flops the burgers, chicken, steaks, ribs and hot dogs. Besides a couple of delicious new sauce recipes that will keep the umbrelled picnic table patrons coming back, here are a few tips that will help Dad be the star grill chef he thinks he is. Every backyard needs a "Grillmeister" so just slip this article on the coffee table and perhaps he can digest these tips before the weekend.

Tame the Flame

Flare-ups happen, but too many flare-ups can burn your food. Marinating is fine, but you have to dry the meat before you put it on the grill. Then baste for the last few minutes. Water, oil, sugars will keep the flare ups jumpin' so pass the sauces on the side.!

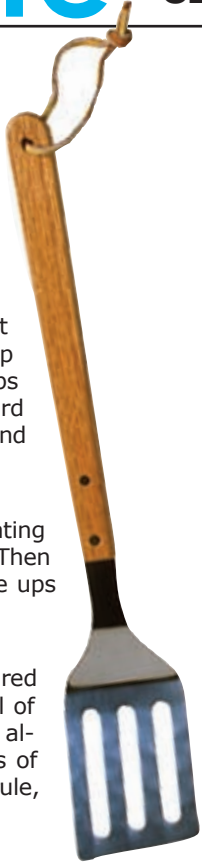
Caramelize is Key

One of the biggest reasons for the popularity of grilled food is its seared taste. To develop this taste for maximum effect, use the right level of heat and resist the temptation to turn food often. Your patience will allow for caramelization, or browning. That creates literally hundreds of flavors and aromas. Don't touch it, move it, peek at it...as a general rule, turn food only once.

BLACKBERRY BBQ SAUCE

- 1 1/2 cups ripe blackberries (fresh or frozen)
- 1/4 c. honey
- 1/2 c. ketchup
- 1/4 c. chili sauce (Heinz or Del Monte)
- 1/4 c. dark brown sugar
- 1/4 c. minced ginger
- 1 t. black pepper
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1-2 t. sambal (chili paste)

Blend ingredients in food processor till smooth. Heat in saucepan until slightly thickened.



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Southwind FLORIDA'S LIVING CULINARY HERITAGE

by Doc Lawrence

"Fried fish without hushpuppies are as a man without a woman." Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

Florida dining embodies many cultures and includes the wines of the world. Chattahoochee's Elizabeth Chason, a retired Florida newspaper editor, celebrated her 94th birthday with her son Tommy Chason, a distinguished Atlanta criminal defense lawyer at Tallahassee's heralded restaurant, Chez Pierre. She was honored with a great meal that included Champagne. Dining traditions in Florida showcase regional delights like fresh mullet and commonly include many different and compatible wines. Conquistadors and missionaries first brought the wines of Europe into America through Florida.

North Florida's indigenous Cracker culture is a modern descendant of Spanish colonial rule. Cracker architecture in home design features magnificent porches. Cracker horses, sheep and cattle are quite common while Cracker cuisine, an inclusive mix of influences from African and Native American with Spain, Cuba and the Deep South, has some pretty impressive practitioners.

Dining recently at The Herlong Mansion Historic Inn and Garden in Micanopy, Florida, featured dishes made from locally grown essentials prepared according to recipes from Marjorie Kinnan Rawling's 1942 masterpiece, Cross Creek Cookery. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Yearling lived in nearby Cross Creek and her timeless cookbook preserved Cracker classics like soft-shell cooter soup, hushpuppies, swamp cabbage, rum omelets, Florida backwoods biscuits, roasted wild mallards and crab soup.

The Cross Creek dishes were wine friendly. Bonterra wines-all organics- were selected and the Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon paired perfectly with each course. However, the piece de resistance was "Mother's Almond Cake" served with a chilled fruity Bantera rosé adding another dimension to my Florida dining experiences.

The lovely village of White Springs, immortalized in John Sayle's movie Sunshine State, sits near the banks of the Suwannee River with the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail luring tourists who yearn for the real Florida experience. The culinary cultures of nearby Georgia and Florida blend perfectly: skillet-fried chicken, catfish, hushpuppies, cole slaw and banana pudding are staples. The historic Telford Inn, now being restored, once hosted celebrities like Teddy Roosevelt. John Vassar, a super promoter for White Springs, offers paddling on the Suwannee year round. Breakfast at Fat Belly's restaurant kick starts a day of solid hiking or river paddling.

BIG BEND DINING

Clay Lovel's family has harvested fresh Gulf seafood at Shell Point, Florida for generations and his Spring Creek restaurant on Florida's Big Bend coast specializes in Florida classics like fried mullet with hushpuppies. Wines with Florida seafood require the same simple procedure as wines with Cracker cooking. Just uncork the bottle, pour and enjoy. Disappointments at Shell Point are not in this equation. Chilled Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay make dining here even more memorable.

One of the country's most heralded archeological restorations is Mission San Luis in Tallahassee. The exhibits and history confirms the roots of Florida's modern cuisine and wine tradition. Researchers have been able to reconstruct not only the buildings that had the Spanish monks and soldiers living in harmony with the local Apalachee Indians, but the food they shared and the presence of abundant wines is documented. The wines for dinking and communion were from Spain and likely varietals like Tempranillo and Grenache, quite similar to today's wines from Rioja.

Tallahassee, the likely birthplace of hushpuppies, was once home to Prince Charles Louis Napoleon Achilles Murat, a relative of Napoleon Bonaparte whose wife Catherine Willis Gray was the great-grandniece of George Washington. Chez Pierre sits on the land where the Count's home once served guests French inspired cuisine prepared from local ingredients similar to those grown and eaten by the Apalachee and Spaniards. With an international reputation, Chez Pierre attracts dignitaries including a descendant of Napoleon Bonaparte who recently dined there and is expected back soon for an encore.

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings had wild mallards living on her farm-a local food source if there ever was one-available for her mallard dinners. Not surprisingly, she cooked with wine, added sherry to her roast chickens and served wines to guests. For her roasted mallards, she recommended "any good dry red wine, preferably Burgundy."

Duck confit was my entrée choice at Chez Pierre. Staying true to Ms. Rawling's protocol, the wine was Burgundy. Every bite confirmed the miracle of fresh Florida ingredients and cooks who revere tradition. The food and wines enjoyed in the modern South pay homage to ancestry. It is a higher life where Old and New World food and wine heritage synthesize easily in the South and particularly in the Sunshine State with its unique blending of people and culinary essentials.

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ARUBA CANCELS MEMORIAL DAY BASH

The ongoing campaign by three LBTS town commissioners to snuff out musical entertainment in town has claimed its first victim. Officials from the Aruba Beach Cafe announced on May 5 that they have cancelled their annual Memorial Day bash, which traditionally draws hundreds of residents and visitors downtown and brings thousands of dollars in revenues into local businesses and the town.

In a statement, the management of the Aruba said they are not willing to put up with the increased demands which they and other businesses have been subjected to by the three commissioners and the town administration in recent weeks. Rather than hold their annual Memorial Day bash outside in the street and on the beach, they said they are cutting back to a smaller indoor event.

"Due to matters beyond our control, the management of Aruba Beach Cafe sadly informs all those concerned the annual Memorial Day Beach Bash will not take place outside this year," the statement reads. "Because of the increased cost of this one-time event and possible issues regarding amount of people, noise ordinances, sea turtle regulations and by the very nature of an outdoor event, it is not possible to adequately plan to be able to adhere to all the rules and other regulations associated with this type of event. We will have an indoor event which will include the normal Friday night pig roast festivities. We hope to see you there."

The Aruba's decision is the latest fallout from a series of actions which Commissioners Jerry McIntee, Jim Silverstone and Birute Clotney have taken or proposed in recent weeks to make it more difficult and more expensive for local businesses to sponsor outdoor musical events. The three commissioners kicked off their anti-business campaign last month when they rammed through a broad ordinance which bans "excessive" noise downtown and sets an arbitrary decibel level to trigger a violation. They passed the ordinance even though representatives of the hotel and restaurant community spoke out unanimously against it, and there have been no documented complaints from anyone about

loud music. Mayor Roseann Minnet and Commissioner Stuart Dodd voted against the ordinance.

The commission then tightened the screws even further on April 28 when it denied requests by the Village Grille and the Athena Restaurant for one-year extensions of their permits to host outdoor musical events downtown on Friday and Saturday nights. Instead, the commissioners gave them only three-month extensions, and proposed to charge them fees ranging from \$200 to \$500 a week for use of the street, in addition to the application fees they already pay the town.

Town Manager Esther Colon disclosed that the town has been sending code enforcement officers out at night to attend the weekend musical events and count the number of people in the street, as a prelude to charging the businesses with code violations. In addition, the commissioners voted to visit the weekend events personally, armed with a device to measure the noise levels so they can determine firsthand if the music is too loud for their liking.

The commission's demands proved to be too much for Peggy Mohler, manager of the Aruba, to handle. Mohler appeared before the town commission on April 28 and demanded to know who has been complaining about the music and which businesses are responsible for the problem, making it clear that the Aruba follows the rules by closing its doors at 10 p.m. Mohler pointed out that the average noise level inside the Aruba at night without any music playing already exceeds the decibel level which the commission is seeking to impose on the businesses.

McIntee tried to cut Mohler off but she stood her ground, stating that the businesses bring a lot of money into the town and saying "all of us should not go down." Despite her efforts, the commission held firm in moving forward with the new noise ordinance. The Aruba announced a week later that it would cancel the annual Memorial Day bash, rather than fight with the commission.

WILL THE 4TH GO FORTH?

What would the Fourth of July celebration be like in LBTS without the annual fireworks exhibition? We just might find out this year. The person in charge of coordinating the upcoming fourth of July festivities, Marc Furth, has threatened to quit unless Commissioner Stuart Dodd and Mayor Roseann Minnet stop questioning his judgment. Dodd and Minnet say they are not about to stop asking questions when thousands of dollars in public funds are involved, so a showdown seems imminent.

The fireworks controversy first flared up several weeks ago, when Furth started negotiating and signing off on contracts with different vendors for food and entertainment at the Fourth of July celebration. Dodd wanted to know who had put Furth in charge of the festivities, since there had been no posted meetings for the planning committee and no input from either the town commission or the general public.

Furth said he was appointed to the position by Commissioners Jerry McIntee and Jim Silverstone, who are the honorary co-chairs of the event this year. He said they trusted him and gave him full authority to put the events together. Flushed with this power, Furth made a decision to shoot the fireworks off from the beach this year, rather than from a barge or the fishing pier as has been done in the past.

At the April 28 commission meeting, both Dodd and Minnet expressed reservations about this decision. Minnet said she had been in touch with state and county environmental officials, and was concerned that shooting the fireworks from the beach could disrupt turtle nests. Dodd said it will be difficult for residents to enjoy the fireworks because a large perimeter will have to be built around the staging area on the beach, taking away much of the viewing area.



Furth was clearly uncomfortable having to respond to questions from Dodd and Minnet, and he complained instead that they were attempting to undermine the event. He followed up two days later with a letter to the town commission in which he threatened to quit. "The accusatory questioning and comments I have received during commission meetings and the politicking that continues to go on behind the scenes is seriously causing me to rethink my commitment to planning the fireworks portion of the July 4th event," Furth wrote. "I am requesting... a letter of support from all members of the commission that they will follow the proper channel of communication by coming to me first to address any of their questions and concerns in order to consider moving forward with any fireworks displays at this time."

In response, Dodd said he is not about to sign such a letter to Furth or to give up his right as a commissioner to oversee the way public funds are being spent. Similarly, Minnet said she is not going to stop asking the tough questions to make sure the law is being followed, just to mollify Furth.

Meanwhile, the town administration has jumped into the fray as well. Assistant Town Manager John Olinzock has sent a letter to every condo in town asking them to donate money for the festivities. "In order to accomplish a successful event, LBTS appreciates any donations that residents and neighboring businesses are willing to provide in return for a day filled with fun and festivities. As a result I would like to reach out to you and request your monetary support to help fund our fireworks display," Olinzock wrote. His letter, written on town stationery, concludes by urging people to contact Marc Furth if they have any questions or concerns.

CHINESE DRYWALL ALERT



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Mayor Roseann Minnet with LBTS residents Elaine and Ralph Palis at the ceremony in which their grandson Mark Mitchell was named Citizen of the Year. BSO Police Chief Scott Gooding joins them.

WOMAN'S CLUB INITIATES OFFICERS

by Cindy Geesey

A special luncheon was held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club to celebrate a successful season of meetings and to install new officers. Linda Collins will repeat as President, and other officers include First Vice President Ven Endsley, Second Vice President Phyllis Schreiber, Recording Secretary Jessie Quellman, Corresponding Secretary Sandi Galo-Mann, Treasurer Dolores San Miguel, Parliamentarian Jane Perrin, and Bridge Chair Diane Simpson.

The speaker for this meeting was Jerry Layton who reviewed the best selling book "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" written by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

The "Summer Girls" will meet at various restaurants monthly for lunch and will enjoy bridge at the Clubhouse on Wednesdays until regularly scheduled meetings resume in October. For information, call Diane Simpson at 954-771-4463.



Michelle Dimarco welcomed fans and new customers to the official grand opening of Lilac & Lilies, her new boutique in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. Mayor Roseann Minnet and Commissioner Stuart Dodd were in attendance.



Linda Collins (center in red) will once again serve as President of the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Woman's Club. See story above.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jazz on the Square every Friday starting at 6 p.m. at Village Grille*
- May 16, Saturday: Congregational Breakfast at the Community Church starts at 9:00 a.m.
 - May 18, Monday: Concert by Lynn University instrumentalists at the Community Church starts at 7 p.m.
 - May 19, Tuesday: The Master Plan Steering Committee meets at Jarvis Hall at 7:00 p.m.
 - May 20, Wednesday: The Lions Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the LBTS Resort & Beach Club (formerly Holiday Inn). Call Michael San Miguel at 954-647-7752.
 - May 20, Wednesday: Board of Adjustment meets at 11:00 a.m. at Jarvis Hall.
 - May 20, Wednesday: Planning & Zoning meets at 6:30 p.m. at Jarvis Hall.
 - May 23, Saturday: Registrations starts at 8:45 a.m. for tours of the historic 102-year old Hillsboro Lighthouse. Call 954-782-3313.
 - May 25, Monday: The LBTS Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for a dinner meeting at the LBTS Resort & Beach Club (formerly Holiday Inn). Call Ray Wolowicz at 954-782-8371.
 - May 26, Tuesday: Town Commission meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at Jarvis Hall.
 - May 29, Friday: U.S. Rep. Ron Klein will conduct walking tour downtown to meet with local residents and businesses, starting at 8:30 a.m.
 - June 3, Wednesday: The Lions Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the LBTS Resort & Beach Club (formerly Holiday Inn). Call Michael San Miguel at 954-647-7752.
 - June 4, Thursday: Bulk trash pick-up south of Commercial.
 - June 5, Friday: Bulk trash pick-up north of Commercial.
 - June 6, Saturday: Enjoy an exhibition of local artists and talent, a "Journey Through the Spiritual Arts," at Dance Moves Studio, 220 Commercial Boulevard starting at 5:00 p.m. Call Danny Carter at 954-566-9779.

US REP. KLEIN TO VISIT LBTS



US Congressman Ron Klein

U.S. Rep. Ron Klein (D-22) will be in LBTS on Friday, May 29 to meet with local residents and businesses. The Congressman has decided to forsake the traditional town hall meeting in favor of spending his day walking around downtown, where he can meet with more people, visit some businesses and catch up on the latest developments in town.

Rep. Klein will start his morning at 8:30 a.m. with a breakfast with local officials. While his entire schedule has not been finalized yet, he intends to spend some time on the beach and the fishing pier, where he will discuss environmental issues, and he also plans to meet with local religious leaders, veterans and members of the LBTS Chamber of Commerce. Residents are encouraged to catch up with the Congressman while he is walking around town to ask him any questions or pass along their views on the major issues facing the country.

At 2 p.m., Rep. Klein and his staff will be available in Jarvis Hall to answer questions and to help constituents cut the red tape with federal agencies. They will be joined by special experts who will be on hand to assist veterans with VA paperwork, and to help travelers apply for their passports before the summer travel season.

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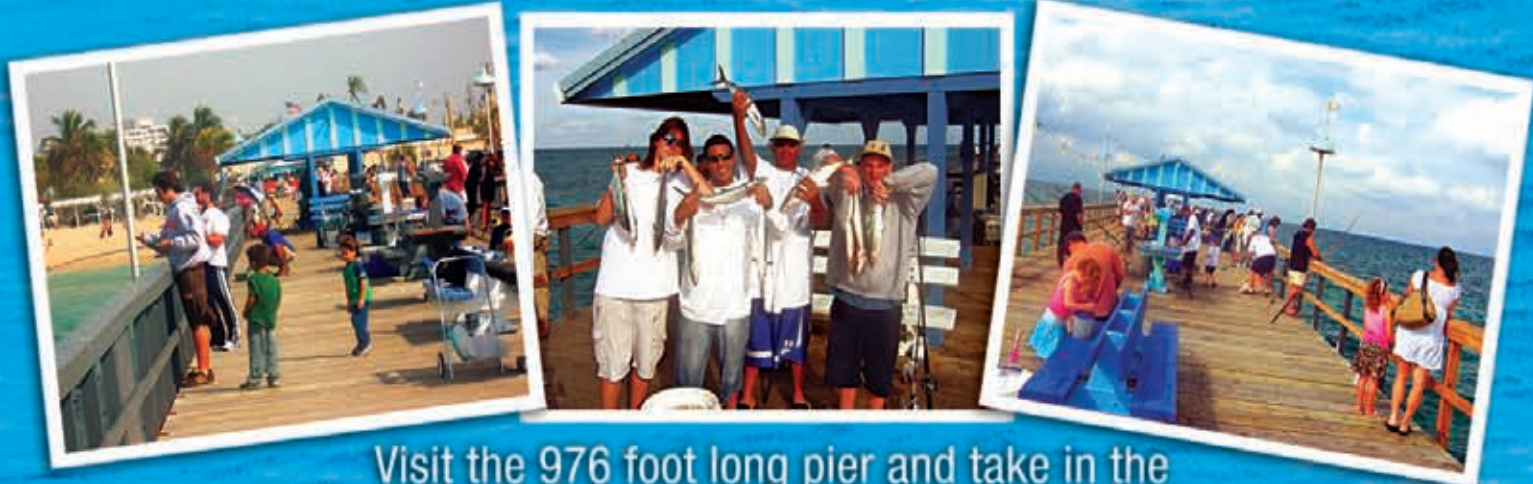
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