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Beverly Hills Lions Foundation - a model club

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Elvis brought down the house at the Lions Den recently. Marcus C. Held, with his singing abilities helped raise funds for Campaign SightFirst II. Lions have been responsible for many innovations in blindness prevention and service to the blind. Experts at the World Health Organization predicted that if nothing is done, the blind pop-



**Lion's
Club**
Henry
Becker

ulation would double by 2020. Lions would not let it happen. The response was "Sight-First II".

Marcus C. Held started performing as an Elvis impersonator in 2006. In 2007 Marcus entered a Swiss Elvis contest and took second place. He sings every Friday for his customers at his restaurant, Panetopia, in Inverness with enjoyment and lots of fun.

One of the Lions Foundation fundraisers to help reach this goal is a cruise on the Norwegian Pearl on Jan. 16. For information on the cruise, call Lion Tom Mize at 527-0962.



Special to the Visitor
Elvis impersonator Marcus Held serenades Beverly Hills Lions Club member Gail Blandino. His local performance was a fundraising event for the Lions Campaign Sight First II.

2009 - 2010 will be a great year for the Lions to serve our community in reaching our goal by keeping with our Motto, "We Serve." For future Lions activities call President Janet Mize at 527-0962.
Henry Becker handles publicity for the Beverly Hills Lions Club.

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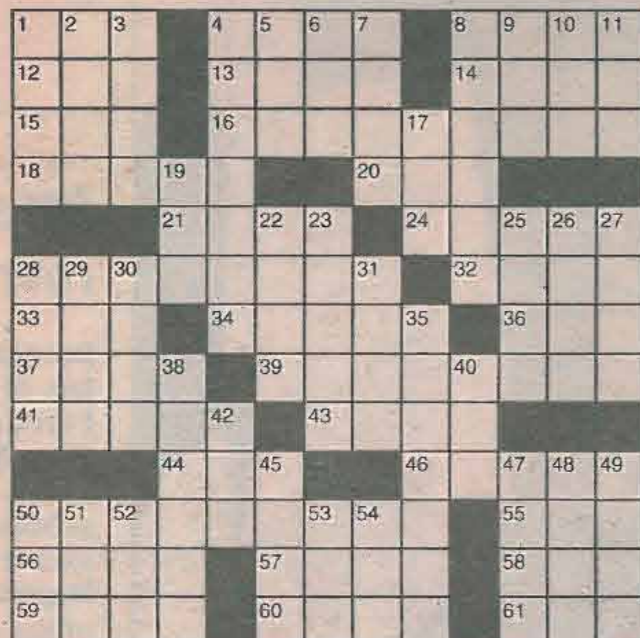
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Crossword Puzzle

Puzzle answer on Page 7

ACROSS

- 1 Do sums
4 Apprehend
8 Film segment
12 Anger
13 Medley
14 Similar to
15 Brooks or Torme
16 Chair protector
18 Filch
20 Corrode
21 Open somewhat
24 Tibet's capital
28 One with lots of four-legged friends?
32 Satan's specialty
33 Submachine gun
34 Jazz style
36 A Gershwin
37 Raised
39 Pirate
41 Comic Silverman
43 Cornfield trespasser
44 Scratch
46 Tangle
50 Read quickly
55 Dinner for Dobbin
56 Staffer
57 "David Copperfield" character
58 Swelled head



- 59 Banana castoff
60 Took to the pool
61 Chaps
- DOWN**
- 1 Intentions
2 Bob's "The Price Is Right" successor
3 Sandwich shop
4 Rhinoplasty
5 The whole enchilada
6 Midafternoon hour on a sundial
- 7 Easy bounding gait
8 Dress
9 Tyler or Ullmann
10 White House nickname
11 Apiece
17 Western st.
19 Crony
22 Birds, to Brutus
23 Violin's ancestor
25 Tel —
26 Paddock papa
27 Winged
28 Taverns
29 Pound of
- 30 Wedding cake feature
31 Bellow
35 Telecast
38 Maiden
40 Possess
42 Possesses
45 Fishing gear
47 Attention getter
48 Storm
49 French city
50 Space
51 Falsehood
52 Praise in verse
53 Solemn promise
54 Historic time

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Special to the Pioneer

Rotary District 6950 Area Coordinator for Hernando and Citrus Counties Cliff Pierson, left, served as installing officer and crowned Jim Neal, center, as King for the Year - actually club president; business owner Charles Richer, second from left, wearing a prince's crown who will serve as president-elect and real estate broker Rob Tessmer Jr. who will serve as president-elect-elect. At right is Elvis Impersonator Marcus Held. The cut-out of Elvis Presley was loaned by the Citrus County Historic Courthouse Museum

'King' theme crowns Rotary leaders

A changing of the guard took place at the Rotary Club of Inverness on the night of June 30.

Actually, over 32,000 Rotary Clubs with a combined

membership of 1.2 million Rotarians in 129 countries around the world all changed at the same time.

Effective July 1, every Rotary Club in the world installed its new leadership.

In Inverness 2008/2009 Rotary Club President Melanie Hensley passed her gavel to attorney Jim Neal, who will lead the organization as president until June 30, 2010.

Rotary District 6950 Area Coordinator for Hernando

and Citrus Counties Cliff Pierson served as installing officer and crowned Neal as "King of the Year" - actually president of the club. He also crowned local businessman Charles Richer as president-elect and real estate broker Rob Tessmer Jr. as president-elect-elect.

Marcus Held, who is the owner of Panetopia Swiss Bakery Restaurant and Cafe, a new European style eatery located in front of the Central Motel in Inverness, agreed

to entertain the crowd with his Elvis impersonation during the crowning after hearing about the theme.

The 2009/2010 14 member board of directors was also installed and will round out the leadership team that will guide the club as it raises money by doing hands on projects to help those less fortunate in our community while carrying out the Rotary Club world-wide motto "Service Above Self."

As the evening drew to a close Neal announced that his slogan for the year is "Lending A Hand" as it plays well off the new Rotary Inter-

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Elvis is in the building



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Marcus Held, of Inverness, dressed as Elvis Presley on Tuesday at the Board of County Commissioners meeting as the board proclaimed 2011 the year of Elvis.

Inverness declares 2011 "Year of Elvis"

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The first time Elvis came to town, he played football on the courthouse lawn, made the local girls swoon and worked his acting skills in the second-floor courtroom.

Tuesday? His rhinestones set off the metal detector.

The King, represented in the flesh by Inverness restaurant owner Marcus Held, attended Tuesday's board meeting to help receive a proclamation for declaring 2011 as Year of Elvis in Citrus County.

The proclamation commemorates the 50th anniversary of Elvis Presley filming "Follow That Dream" at what is now the Historic Old Courthouse.

An Elvis weekend is planned for April 15-17 featuring a play co-written by Wendy Stillwell, "When Elvis Came to Town." Elvis fan clubs are expected to flock to Inverness for the special weekend, Stillwell said.

Stillwell said Elvis enjoyed his time in Citrus.

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www.elvisinflorida.com.

"He was polite and kind," she said. "Elvis felt at home in Citrus County."

Plus, courtroom scenes from "Follow That Dream" were used to help in the Old Courthouse restoration project.

For Held, it was his first proclamation as Elvis.

Held, owner of Panetopia Restaurant and Bakery in Inverness, entertained as Elvis in his native Switzerland before moving to Citrus County two years ago.

Coincidentally, he didn't know about the Elvis-Inverness connection until after he had moved.

"I had no idea Elvis was here," he said. Held does the Elvis bit Friday nights at the restaurant.

"People asked me about it," he said. "I didn't think Americans wanted to listen to a Swiss Elvis."

ANNEX

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"I'm required to use your sewer and I'm required to annex," Stillwell said.

Houston said the city could address environmental issues when the property owners offered a development plan.

Councilman Ron Kitchen said the council shouldn't confuse the annexation request with a development that is not a part of the annexation.

"We don't want gobs and gobs of homes in there, but I think that's an argument for later," he said. "Let's annex them in and then let them jump through all the hoops."

Councilwoman Maureen McNiff, who voted against the annexation, said she didn't see the city's advantage.

"Annexation with residential doesn't pay for itself," she said. "At best it's a wash and at worse, it's a loss."

The final public hearing on the annexation is Jan. 24.

In other business Monday, the council voted 5-0 to provide \$15,000 to the new



Ron Kitchen

councilman said city doesn't want a huge housing development.



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The Citrus County Historical Society is pleased to announce the 2009-10 Jazz Concert Series, Jazz at the Museum. An all-star cast of jazz musicians is slated to perform during these "theme" concerts featuring the band Southern Exposure, along with the sounds of Norman Bernard and other special featured musicians and vocalists.

From October through April 2010, four concert performances will be held Thursday evenings on the second floor in the historic courtroom of the 1912 Citrus County Courthouse on Courthouse Square, Inverness. Doors open at 6 p.m., where light refreshments will be available. Wine, beer and beverages available for cash

purchase. Music starts promptly at 7 p.m. lasting until 9 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum for \$25 each or season tickets are available for all four performances at \$80. Proceeds benefit the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum and the Citrus County Historical So-

cety's exhibitions and programs.

Jazz played along the following themes will continue to be the seasons highlight on the following evenings:

- Oct. 22 - Jazz on Bourbon Street.
- Dec. 17 - Holly Jolly Jazz.
- Feb. 11 - Love Me Tender.
- April 22 - JAM - Jazz Appreciation Month.

Concert Series is supported in part by the *Citrus County Chronicle*, Edgar Pichardo, DMD-Citrus Dental Association, Crown Court, Heinz Funeral Home, Dr. John W. Grace, M.D., PA General Psychiatry, Arbor Trail Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center, Emeritus at Barrington Place, Honorable Patricia

administrative Judge, and Legacy Financial Association Inc. For more information on sponsorship opportunities for this event, call Ted Stauffer at 726-0673.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Society office at 341-6427 or 726-0673 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

An Elvis sighting



Avante at Inverness resident Antoinette Rosino poses for a photo with Elvis impersonator Marcus C. Held as he entertained the residents and guests at the center.

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Elvis impersonator Marcus C. Held, and Christine Quinn, Avante at Inverness resident, pose during an Elvis show recently at the assisted living facility.

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Fundraisers

Bike ride is slated

Citrus County Right-to-Life is seeking bicycle riders for its fourth annual "Bike Ride for Human Life," which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 19. The ride begins at the Inverness Trail Head (North Apopka) of the Withlacoochee State Trail at 9 a.m.

Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration fee is \$20 for an individual or \$50 per family in donations collected. A T-shirt is guaranteed for each rider signing up by Sept. 4. Registrations will be accepted the day of the ride.

Forms are available at ccrtl.homestead.com or by calling 726-9192.

Civic center plans special bingo night

On Monday, Sept. 14, doors will open at 4 p.m. for special bingo - speed and regular - at the Highlands Civic Center on Little Al Point, Inverness. Entry fee of \$30 (\$10 deposit