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Voters Say 'No' to Raising Coral Springs Commissioner Salaries

By Jonathan Del Marcus - Editor

A ballot referendum to change the amount and process by which Coral Springs City Commissioners are compensated was given a negative reception by Coral Springs voters Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The measure, which would have established an ordinance to regulate the issue, failed by a 58.72 percent to 41.82 percent margin or 15,488 to 10,886 votes.

"I support the citizens' decision. I was comfortable enough to ask an uncomfortable question because the decision was put in the hands of the citizens. The citizens decided. They decided no, and I completely respect their decision," said Mayor Scott Brook.

The question combined two issues: whether to increase the amount of compensation provided to Coral Springs city commissioners to a range closer to those of comparably-sized area cities; and, whether to assign responsibility for future pay increases to a special committee.

First, the question asked voters to decide if they wished to allow the commission to change commissioner salaries by ordinance rather than by referendum and if they wish to increase the rates to \$30,000 a year for the mayor and \$28,000 a year for each commis-

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New 'Sculpture on Sample'

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The Public Art Committee selected the abstract form of curving shapes to provide a new icon in the city's commercial zone. The city spent \$30,000 to purchase the sculpture as part of its 'Sculpture on Sample' projects

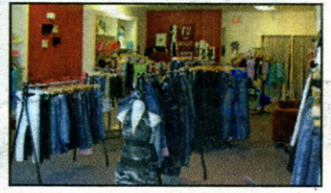
included in the broader Public Art Plan.

"In addition to its beauty, it helps orient people in the city to use the artwork as directional elements," said Glenn Weiss, a senior planner in the city's community development department who manages Coral Springs' public art program.

Barrett recently exhibited his work at the Lurie Gallery in Miami, De Graaf Fine Art in West Palm Beach and the Robert Pardo Gallery in New York and Zurich. His sculptures have been included in respected outdoor sculpture venues such as the Kourou Sculpture Center in Connecticut and the Rosen Exhibition in North Carolina. He currently lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

A Bit of Brazil Comes to Margate

By Rachel Galvin - Contributing Writer



Even though wintertime is upon us, the warm tropical breezes still toss the leaves of the Palm trees as we walk around our community in shorts; yes, the summer fads apply here all year long. That is good news for sun-worshippers and also for 4 U From Brazil Boutique, a Brazilian clothing store for both women and men. Here the feel is comfortable and sensual, airy and light and totally trendy.

Shoppers will find quality Brazilian low rise jeans, tops, tank tops, dresses and skirts as well as the popular Brazilian Bikini. They even have fun accessories to add sparkle to any outfit and fitness clothing perfect to help you look good while you get fit!

100% of their clothes are imported directly from Brazil, which means when you go to that pool party next week, you can avoid the embarrassment of someone else wearing the same thing. "Our clothes are unique," said owner Keila Santos, who opened the store back in July. "We receive new merchandise ev-

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