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Taxpayer dollars earned zero percent for nine years in LBTS

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

LBTS - Taxpayers in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea are finally going to earn interest on the \$1.8 million that has been in a non-interest bearing account since 2001.

Doug Haag, acting budget/finance director, said with the passage of a new investment policy, the money will begin to earn interest. He called the new plan "very, very conservative."

Most of the town's money is in Sun Trust Bank, and Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd wanted to know why the bank had not advised the town differently.

Connie Hoffmann, interim town

See **ZERO EARNINGS** on page 5

Wilton Manors police chief suspended for 30-days over racial, anti-Obama emails

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Wilton Manors - Messages forwarded from Police Chief Richard Perez's email account have resulted in City Manager Joseph Gallegos suspending him for 30-days without pay.

The suspension, which began Monday, also calls for Perez to attend management and sensitivity training

See **PEREZ** on page 22



Deerfield students create a labyrinth

[Top] RM Zaki's Sacred Geometry

ARTISTS IN PROGRESS - Back row: Chillet Jean-Francois, Gerod Williams, Jerry Chatelain, Randy Jean-Pierre, Ryan Rydell, Sarah Cunha, Ryan Gendreau, Samuel Guzman; Front Row James McWalters, Love Metelus, Richard Dyckman, Kelsey Kwolek, Ms. Sara Marc, Rodrigo Silva, Ms. Victoria Englehart, Matthew Cavallaro



By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

Deerfield Beach - An art project that started with studies of sacred geometric forms has soared to become a solid statement for living a life of peace, Deerfield Beach High School art teacher Vickie Englehart said this week.

Englehart and her partner Sara Marc are leading students down an unusual path for artists: the understanding and creation of a labyrinth on the school grounds.

Labyrinths are meditation circles first used by the ancients as a substitute for making pilgrimages to distant holy lands.

In modern times, they are becoming common in health care facilities as an aid to healing. The best known medieval Christian labyrinth is at the Chartres Cathedral in France.

One of the oldest is on the isle of Crete and in the United States there are more than 900 various designs in use.

The labyrinth at Deerfield Beach High School is being built like a Cretan path in the shape of a brain and made of cinderblock and wood chips. Seven, three-

See **SACRED ART** on page 16

Pompano tax rate up, but most pay less in 2010

Freezes, cuts and negotiations make for lean budget with no service losses

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - With the job rate down, bankruptcy and foreclosures rising, the only good news is that 77 percent of Pompano Beach property owners will pay lower taxes to the city this year than they did last year.

That comes despite a higher rate [4.9077] than last year [4.6663].

Even with the higher rate, the city will collect less money due to the lower values of property. Pompano Beach properties fell 16 percent in total value.

For property owners protected under the Save Our Homes, or SOH, Constitutional amendment, an increase is in store for them.

See **POMPANO TAX** on page 14

Teen party notched up as 'test' for Island Partnership

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

Deerfield Beach -A group of beach-side business owners are collaborating with an event for young surfers to draw attention to Deerfield's 'Island Community.' The business group, the Island Partnership, is getting its feet wet promotion wise by joining with Island Water Sports to produce this year's Midnight Madness, a 25-year-

See **TEEN PARTY** on page 16

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Oakland Park passes laws aimed at pain clinics where drug dealers were racking up to \$75,000 daily after resales

By Judy Vik

PELICAN WRITER

Oakland Park – On Sept. 15, after more than a year’s work on the issue, Oakland Park commissioners approved tougher zoning changes to regulate pain clinics and pharmacies.

Florida is attempting to put a prescription drug monitoring program in place, but without one, drug traffickers, dealers and users easily engage in illegal doctor shopping to acquire prescription drugs, according to a Broward County grand jury report issued in 2009. If ethical and conscientious doctors refuse to sell them drugs, they travel from pain clinic to pain clinic attempting to find an unscrupulous physicians

who would. Oakland Park had about 20 pain clinics a year ago.

In the period from August 2008 to November 2009, Broward County and the city experienced a proliferation of clinics with one opening every three days. Oakland Park now has eight pain management clinics. In the period from January to July 31, 301 arrests were made at the clinics, Justin Proffitt, a city planner told the commission.

During that same period, 2.7 million oxycodone pills were dispensed in the city.

Deputy Debra Wallace and Chief John Bukata of the Broward Sheriff’s Office said more arrests are made at clinics with drug dispensaries. “The drugs are purchased

with cash, and there are more arrests, more problems with code and there’s more of a neighborhood nuisance,” Wallace said.

Bukata said some of the clinics were making \$35,000 to \$75,000 a day in cash transactions.

The lack of zoning laws for the clinics handicapped police in cracking down on them.

“It was hard to define what a pain clinic was. There was lots of easy access to the city by interstate highways with many clients coming from the north. And there was lots of empty office space with low rents. It all contributed to a perfect storm,” Proffitt said. Some clinics dispensed pills illegally, and one had long waiting lines outside, complete with backyard barbeques.

The new ordinance prohibits on-site prescription drug dispensaries for controlled substances. Another change allows pain management clinics to be owned by persons and corporations other than doctors as long as they are licensed by the state Agency for Health Care Administration. Vice Mayor Suzanne Boisvener objected to that change.

The new law defines as pain clinic as clinics are defined as privately owned pain management clinics, facilities or offices, which advertise in any medium for any type of pain management services. Or employ a physician who is primarily engaged in the treatment of pain by prescribing or dispensing controlled substance medications.

The changes are aimed at lessening violent criminal activity, loitering by pain clinic customers and the loss of available public and private parking next to adjacent businesses. With the amended code, pain clinics are added as a new business category, and locations are restricted.

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Mark your calendar! October 2 is the Fall Market Festival, a fundraiser for Trinity United Methodist Church in LHP

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Make time next Saturday, Oct. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to shop this Fall Market Festival! Visitors will find unique, original craft gifts for the holidays and help a worthy cause at the same time.

The fifteen volunteer members of Esther Circle, Trinity Church at 3901 NE 22 Ave. Lighthouse Point, or LHP, are staging their first indoor/outdoor fall festival. They plan a festival to remember featuring a wonderful variety of items for sale. The proceeds will help them raise funds for the church, the feeding ministry and His Walk.

The Pelican sat down to hear about the event from group leader Penny Taylor, her husband, Bill who is quick to lend a hand, and Carol Martin, director of internet communication and administrative assistant to Pastor Redstone.

"We're excited," Penny says, "because we have such wonderful items to sell. We're counting on over 30 vendors who will be offering fresh baked goods, homemade jams



Volunteer leader of Esther Circle, Penny Young, Bill Young, work with Carol Martin, director of internet communications and administrative assistant to Pastor Redstone to finalize details for their first Fall Festival Oct. 2 at Trinity Church, 3901 NE 22 St. in Lighthouse Point.

and jellies, jewelry, hand-blown glass, candles, church hats and purses, crocheted items, clay pots, dog tees, tanks and pillowcases, hand decorated flip flops, stuffed animals, sun catchers, bird feeders, Mary Kay, discovery toys and more."

Carol chimed in, "Beside these unique gifts, we're selling collectibles such as Harmony Kingdom, Gund and Steiff bears and our own cookbook which contains over 200 favorite recipes from members, parents of our

school children and staff." Pulling it all together is a big job, but these dedicated volunteers don't mind because they are motivated by their mission to support the Church and its good causes. Penny, who just retired in August from the BSO Code Enforcement Dept. in Pompano Beach, admits she's working as hard as a volunteer as she did on the job. Smiling at her husband, she says, "Bill is a big help since he retired as an electrical inspector

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pipes, The Very Reverend Bernard Pecaro, Rector of St. Martin's, will lead the procession on horseback from the north parking lot to the church where pets and owners will be invited to the altar for a

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Pain Clinics

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New parking and landscape requirements are in place. Outdoor waiting areas are also prohibited, and no business activity can take place outside. In order to decluster the clinics, the facilities must now be separated by a half-mile and the same distance from pharmacies, such as Walgreens or CVS. All clinic owners must file for a permit within 60-days. The owners will be allowed five years to comply with the half-mile separation rule. The ordinance is effective Oct. 1. The state legislature recently increased regulation of the clinics, and Oakland Park adopted the state definition but went even further in forbidding any

employees to have felony convictions. The state allows a doctor or employee to have a felony conviction more than five years prior to employment.

Zero earnings

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manager, responded, "It's the staff's responsibility. We don't have an investment consultant to do analysis. I don't think we can hold them [the bank] responsible."

Commissioner Scot Sasser called the situation "bizzaro" and asked if it were common to have funds in non-interest bearing accounts.

"To my knowledge it's not common practice," Hoffman said. One town account for

\$829,501.60 was in a "super money market account."

Meanwhile the town will begin to issue Requests for Proposals from other banks.

In her report to the commission, Hoffmann said funds will be moved gradually.

Haag also discovered most of the town's storm/emergency reserve monies were being held in a non-interest bearing account. They have been moved since.

With the exception of \$157,925 invested with a state investment pool, all town funds are invested in low or no interest-bearing accounts with Sun Trust Bank.

The town has a one-year agreement with Sun Trust. Monthly reports will now be made to the town manager and quarterly reports to the commission.

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League of Women Voters offer clarification of upcoming proposed changes in Florida Constitution

Thanks to the work of the Florida League of Women Voters, *The Pelican* is publishing the "Pro's" and "Con's" of the constitutional amendments voters will approve or refuse on Nov. 2. We will publish one amendment every week.

Amendment #2 Homestead ad valorem tax credit for deployed military personnel

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide an additional homestead property tax exemption by law for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The exempt amount will be based upon the number of days in the previous calendar year that the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The amendment is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2011.

Effect of Passage: Would amend Constitution to provide added property tax relief to designated military personnel. (Article VII, Section 3, Fla. Const.; would create Article XII, Section 31, Fla. Const.)

Sponsor: The Florida Legislature

Background: State Representative Mike Horner (R-Kissimmee), joined by the Finance & Tax Council, filed the resolution to place this proposal on the ballot. Republican Majority Whip Andy Gardiner filed a similar resolution in the Senate. The Revenue Estimating Conference estimates that this proposal would have reduced receipts statewide approximately \$13 million if it had been in effect in FY 2009-2010, assuming current millage rates.

A Vote For Amendment #2:

- would reduce property taxes for military personnel.
- would limit local property tax revenues statewide.
- would place a limitation on revenue in the Florida Constitution where it will be difficult to modify or remove.

A Vote Against Amendment #2:

- would leave property taxes for military personnel at their locally established rates.
- would not place a new limit on property taxes for military personnel.
- would not place a limitation on state revenue in the Florida Constitution where it will be difficult to modify or remove.

Amendment #3 (removed from ballot)

Pompano Beach CRA leaders are ahead of the game with job and business programs

We need jobs!!!

That was the cry from the audience this week at the Community Redevelopment Agency, or CRA, meeting Wednesday night at Pompano Beach City Hall. It is the same cry that rings across America.

As the CRA ignites its powerful engine that will certainly change the face of this city, residents should be hired to be wage-earning cogs in the machinery of redevelopment.

This Tuesday, the board, consisting of the Pompano Beach commission, approved a \$1.35 million contract with Burkhardt Construction for improvements on Atlantic Boulevard. The work will include underground wiring and other infrastructure construction.

Other jobs stretch across the city from the ocean to Northwest Pompano Beach.

As designs popped up on the chamber's large screen depicting wider sidewalks and narrow streets with lush landscaping, two visions appeared: the first was for the hope of a more attractive city and the second was the hope to be a part of the work force that makes this happen.

And we agree that local residents should be part of the workforce for these jobs.

These people who sounded angry on Tuesday night, (one commissioner said he felt like those on the dais had been pummeled with stones) were, more pointedly, merely anxious that they might lose out on these potential jobs.

Here is what we know.

There is money in the CRA, money that has been collected for more than 20 years and placed in a fund to redevelop the city. And the redevelopment process should mean jobs for local residents.

And we know this.

The leaders of the CRA, Kim Briesemeister and Chris Brown, are brilliant and experienced in their positions. We also believe they, as Briesemeister said on Wednesday, "respect the people they work for."

So now, as the CRA moves on to hire contractors to begin the work, from design to completion, Briesemeister and Brown must take the cries of the people to heart. They must lead this city not only to a more beautiful and economically sound community, they must urge the contracted companies commit to local jobs.

Here is what we learned.

The CRA already has a program in place to place or prepare workers who want to be part of the redevelopment.

Led by Dr. Lynn Allison, it is called the Micro Enterprise Loan program and offers vendor registration for people who are hoping to get these jobs.

Meetings are held at the E. Pat Larkins Center, 520 Martin Luther King Blvd. Pompano Beach. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dr. Allison says that the program is assisting people to prepare for specific jobs through information on bonding and other requirements.

The program has already made 23 loans for persons who have businesses in the Northwest community or who plan to start businesses there.

More than \$400,000 has been issued through loans.

Call 561-742-1234 for more information

This is not a time for anger. This is an opportunity. Carpenters, painters, landscapers and other craftsmen and women should take advantage of these classes and be a part of Pompano Beach redevelopment.

Adopting a lab works well for this reader and Jerry, the lab who lived



To the editor,

We commend all the volunteers at the Labrador Retriever Rescue of Florida for their compassion, hard work and for saving the lives of so many beautiful Labs. My husband and I became involved with the program last year and are thrilled we did. We absolutely could not be happier with "Jerry," the newest member of our family.

It is heartbreaking how many Labs (and dogs in general) are becoming increasingly neglected and abandoned. The Lab Rescue organization made the process of introducing us to our new

best friend as simple as possible.

After an initial call, I received an email with a few photos of Labs on death row whose days were numbered. One afternoon while at work I received a call that a young male was going to be 'put down' in a few hours the Miami-Dade animal shelter. He was only granted five days to be adopted and was stuck in a back room of an overflowing facility so really had no hope of survival if not for the Lab Rescue. A caring volunteer offered to drive down to Miami, pick him

Meetings

Sign up for Homestead and other exemptions

The Broward County Tax Appraiser's Office is hosting a series of events throughout Broward to assist property owners and answer questions regarding tax exemptions and other appraisal-related items. The following is a partial listing.

Visit www.bcpa.net or call 954-357-6830 for a complete schedule.

Oct. 5 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oakland Park City Hall, 3650 NE 12 Ave.

Oct. 6 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pompano Beach City Hall, 100 W. Atlantic Blvd.

Oct. 8 - 10 to 11:30 a.m., Sunrise Senior Center, 10650 W Oakland Park Blvd.

Oct. 11 - 9 to 11 a.m.,

Lighthouse Point, Doreen Gauthier Library, 2200 NE 38 St.

Oct. 13 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pompano Beach City Hall, 100 W Atlantic Blvd.

Oct. 19 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Deerfield Beach City Hall, 150 NE 2 Ave

Oct. 20 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pompano Beach City Hall, 100 W Atlantic Blvd.

Oct. 27 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pompano Beach City Hall, 100 W. Atlantic Blvd.

East CRA Advisory board

The East Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, or CRA, will host a public meeting on Oct. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. where design schematics on the major East CRA projects will be presented.

These projects include: Pompano Beach Boulevard/Dune Restoration, East Atlantic Boulevard (A1A to Pompano

Beach Boulevard), Atlantic Blvd. (U.S. 1 to A1A) and Harbor Village.

This public forum will coincide with the regular monthly East CRA Advisory Committee meeting and will be the only item on the agenda.

These projects will help to redefine the eastern area of the City of Pompano Beach and will serve as a catalyst to attract private investment into the area. The public is invited. The meeting will take place at the Emma Lou Olson Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. Call 954-786-4655.

Garden club news

The Pompano Beach Garden Club will hold its first general meeting of the season on Monday, Oct. 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. Dr. Michele Williams, Florida Public

Archaeology Network, will present a program on "Native Medicinal Plants in History."

New members welcome. Call 954-783-3106.

Of Interest . . .

Indoor Garage Sale - Oct. 9, Pompano Beach Church of the Nazarene, 916 NE 4 St., Pompano Beach, 7 to 9 a.m. Church members are seeking donations of saleable items. Rental space is also available

for people interested in selling their own items. All proceeds benefit the Pompano Nazarene Youth Ministry. Call 954-942-6010.

Coconut Creek Juried Craft Festival, Oct. 9 and 10, at the The Promenade at Coconut Creek on Lyons Road and Wiles Road, 4401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek. A full spectrum of craft art mediums

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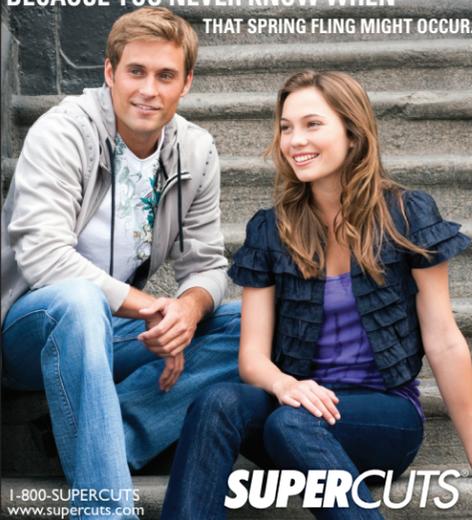


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By Ben Arnoldy

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Dispose of prescription drugs

On Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Wilton Manors Police Department will be part of national "take-back" day and provide the public with an opportunity to hand over expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceuticals and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. Residents can dispose of the medication in, its original container, directly into the disposal, which will be located in city hall, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. All medications including liquids will be accepted. No intra-venous solutions, injections or syringes will be accepted. Those who donate remain anonymous. Officials ask participants to remove all personal information from containers prior to bringing them to city hall.

Wilton Manors campaign event

Former Wilton Manors commissioner Joe Angelo and commission candidates Steve Zollo and Celeste Ellich will speak at Crema D'Roma, 2150 Wilton Drive, in Wilton Park, on Sept. 28 at 5 p.m. Angelo is running against current Mayor Gary Resnick. Ellich faces former commissioner Julie Carson and Zollo faces Commissioners Ted Galatis and Scott Newton. The election is Nov. 2.

On Aug. 10, married team of primary physicians opened Family Physicians of South Florida in Pompano Beach

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Dr. Rebecca M. Rey and Dr. Robert S. Ansara are a young, enthusiastic team of primary physicians, Board Certified in Family Medicine. Their impeccable new suite of offices is located in 301-03, Citi Centre, 2001 N. Federal Hwy. in Pompano Beach. "We met in med school," Dr. Ansara says. "My wife was a year behind me. We did our residence training in Orlando and were in a practice there. We decided to make the move to Pompano Beach because we have family here and we are told there is a need for primary physicians in this area. In our short time here, we have been warmly received and are already on staff at North Broward Medical Center and Imperial Point."

Dr. Rey chimed in, saying "Because we are new to this community, we can accommodate patients and meet their needs by being more available with more time to spend with them. We can even handle walk-ins because one or the other of us will be here. We will also schedule Saturday appointments for people who can't make it during the work week."

They both feel that prevention is the key to good health. According to Rey, they have both been trained in life style



Dr. Robert S. Ansara and Dr. Rebecca M. Rey are Family Physicians of South Florida who believe in optimizing health and wellness. Their practice, just opened on August 10, is located in Suite 301-3, Citi Centre, 2001 N. Federal Hwy., in Pompano Beach. [Photo by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

medicine which integrates both exercise and diet, adapted to each patient from five to 100. She says, "Most people need additional nutritional support. We spend the time to counsel and work out a good health plan for each patient, once we've completed an initial exam."

Ansara adds, "We're like the point man who assesses a patient and then coordinates the care for that patient. It's a team approach and we are like the glue that keeps everyone together. The patient must be well informed because there are often options with risks and benefits."

Their offices are right in the heart of many businesses

which can use them as a resource for burns, cuts, falls, dehydration and other minor problems. They are equipped to do in-office EKG for the heart, spirometry for the lungs, and minor skin procedures. Their family practice covers men, women and children.

Dr. Rey is proud of her success in diet and weight loss, saying "I develop a very specific nutritional plan for each individual based on the results of physical exam, health and social history, ailments, blood work results, weight, height, body mass index, body fat percentage and waist circumference."

She explains, "We measure

basal metabolic rate which determines the number of calories the patient needs. We break those calories into an adjusted ratio of protein, carbohydrates and fats to insure a low glycemic diet promoting low glucose and insulin levels, thereby decreasing fat storage. The added protein allows the patient to maintain lean muscle mass and insures that weight loss is fat loss. Lean muscle mass can maintain or increase the metabolism. Again, exercise is determined on a very individual basis."

Both doctors agree that excess weight in the entire American population has become a national problem. "We also know that weight gain is a source of disease and poor health," Ansara says. "Many of the existing diets make matters worse over time. Dr. Rey focuses on whole person care making patients feel better for the long run. My focus is the same. I believe in preventative care and chronic disease management through current evidence based medicines and treatment recommendations. Medicine changes constantly and it's important to know the newest recommended options so that patients get the best quality of care."

Their electronic medical record system allows for easy transfer of information. It makes patient visits more efficient, enabling the doctors to track patient trends, have accessibility to pharmacies and get quick lab results. Snowbirds and travelers can get fast transmission of their health records to other health care participants if necessary. This personal information is always protected and secured.

The doctors will see their patients in office and in the hospital.

Ansara says, "When hospitalized, many patients are handled by doctors they've never seen before. This will not happen to our patients. We will be attending them ourselves and explaining the presence of any specialist we have called into their case."

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City manager to stay two more years with Wilton Manors, takes voluntary pay cut

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Wilton Manors - With praise from residents and themselves, city commissioners agreed to extend the contract of City Manager Joseph Gallegos for another two years.

"We all think very highly of him. He's involved with the community and the businesses," said former mayor King Wilkinson.

Benjamin Little added that he had "never had a bad experience with a city employee," giving full credit to Gallegos for setting the example.

But this praise does not come with a raise. Rather Gallegos' extension includes a 1.9

percent pay reduction which comes in the form of unpaid furlough hours.

Gallegos explained that the funding for the city budget was tight with lower property values and he and the commission were taking the same voluntary salary cuts as city employees to help balance the budget. He added that the police department is presently considering the same cuts.

Mayor Gary Resnick, said Gallegos is always willing to talk to him or meet with him on matters regarding the city. "He lives and breathes this

city," said Resnick.

The city manager's contract includes a yearly salary of \$133,702, a city vehicle and health benefits.

Gallegos was also recently appointed to the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors and will serve in that capacity until August 2011.

Commissioners also approved a one-year extension of the contract with City Attorney Kerry Ezrol for \$107,712.

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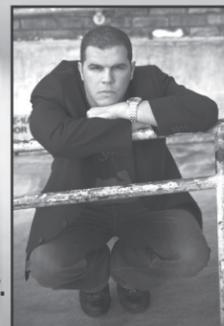
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Briefs

Broward House to host fundraiser at Signature Grand

The Broward House annual Spirit of Hope gala takes place Oct. 21 at the Signature Grand Mansion in Davie.

Broward House is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons with or at risk for HIV or other health issues by providing needed services.

This year's honorees include Jackson Padgett and Mark Negrete, owners of Georgie's Alibi and Bill's Filling Station; Michael Berry, general manager of the Signature Grand; The Leiser Foundation and Bruce Chaskin and Bruce Silverstein of Group Benefits Concepts, Inc.

The event is entitled "The Little Gala of Horrors" and will feature a sit down dinner, entertainment, carnival games, silent auction, DJ and dancing, awards ceremony, costumes and more. Tickets are \$95 each or \$900 for a table of 10 and are available only online at www.broward-house.org.

For information on Broward House, call 954-522-4749.

DASCOR Plumbing donates professional services to Sample McDougald House and other causes

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

The Pelican is always pleased to shine the spotlight on businesses with heart.

DASCOR Plumbing is such a business. Founded in 1986, Dick and Shirley Anderson combined their initials with the first three letters of corporation to name their general contracting company DASCOR.

When their youngest son, Douglas became a master plumber, he and his sister, Elizabeth Schunk bought out the folks. With their combined talents, the company became one of the most respected plumbing companies in South Florida, earning the coveted Angie's list Super Service Award.

The third generation of the Anderson family has now been added to the company. After attending the United Service Training Corporation for Journeyman plumbers, nephews Johnny Campbell and Corey Ryan have joined the family owned business and regularly receive customer praise for their professionalism, manners and enthusiasm.

Company President, Douglas G. Anderson says, "We didn't just take over the business; we took on Dad's attitude about community support and involvement. Sample McDougald House has been a favorite project and recipient



Douglas G. Anderson, president of DASCOR plumbing services and repairs, at 691 S. Dixie Hwy. West, Pompano Beach, runs the company with assistance from his sister, Vice President Elizabeth Schunk. The company has generously donated in-kind services to Sample McDougald House and many other civic projects. Photo by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

of our help for a long time. Dad was active in refurbishing it before it was moved, and later preparing it for the move. He was very involved in the fundraising for the one-half million dollars it took to move the house where it is now located."

Executive Director of The Sample McDougald House, Dan Hobby says, "The people at Dascor have always been there when we had a need. Having known their father, Richard Anderson, I know where they get it from. Doug

Making a Difference

Phyllis J. Neuberger wants your suggestions about people you know who are making a difference. Call 954-783-8700 to nominate a candidate for this column



has donated many hours of labor and manpower to this project and persuaded suppliers to donate needed supplies. We are very grateful for his ongoing support."

Anderson says, "In cooperation with JWR Construction Services of Deerfield, Dascor is doing the plumbing in the bathroom build outs. Our donation of time and labor includes at least four plumbers and helpers for almost 40

hours per man. That adds up to a sizable contribution, but we believe in Pompano Beach. I've lived here for 45 years, attended public schools here and been part of its growth. I can't wait to visit The Sample McDougald House History Museum which will be a welcome cultural asset to the city." Anderson also persuaded Diamond Plumbing Supply in Coconut Creek, Lou

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By Malcolm McClintock

PELICAN WRITER

Located just north of Sample Road, on U.S. 1, this family-owned stalwart of fine dining always seeks to impress with its emblematic fireplace in the lounge, its open kitchen in the main dining room, an award-winning wine list and, most of all, a menu replete with mouth-watering culinary offerings.

"We are first and foremost a steak and seafood house," says Fifth Avenue Grill General Manager Tara Skrecz.

Brainchild of restaurateur John Therien and his sons Luke and Gilles, this well-known Lighthouse Point eatery has been serving superior surf and tantalizing turf for the better part of 2 decades.

Many patrons start a meal with the tasty Bahamian conch chowder or the always popular Bermuda onion soup topped with garlic crostini and bubbling gruyere cheese.

Other classic starters include Escargots Bourguignonne in garlic butter and Burgundy wine, Asian chicken spring rolls with apricot dipping sauce, lightly fried Caribbean Calamari with cherry peppers and scallions or the Shrimp De Jonghe baked in fresh herb butter and sherry wine.

On the entrée front, a slew of options are available. Meat aficionados will enjoy a vast selection of cuts at this woodsy eatery reminiscent of a Chicago style chop house. In fact, all the aged meats are flown in directly from the Windy City's stockyards.

The blue cheese-crusted Delmonico steak with crispy shoestring fries and zesty sautéed mushrooms is a popular choice. The filet mignon, prime rib and New York strip can be cooked to one's taste including blackened Cajun style and even the Pittsburgh method – black on the outside with a cool red center.

"The ribeye on the bone is a great choice. I also love the 2-pound lobster stuffed with crab meat," says assistant manager Bob Moran.

As part of the ongoing special summer menu, different sized lobsters are available at reduced prices. Crab cake bubbaloo, grilled Atlantic salmon, chicken cordon bleu, tenderloin steak tidbits and flounder Florentine are just a few of the other tempting selections also offered starting at \$9.95 with soup or salad.

For seafood lovers, the broiled platter overflows with



Fifth Avenue Grill's GM Tara Skrecz shows off a few house specialties - the Blue Cheese Crusted Delmonico steak with sautéed mushrooms and the Grilled Salmon over field greens with apple vinaigrette.

tilapia, crab cake and jumbo shrimp in lemon butter sauce. English style fish & chips, almond sesame salmon and sole Française are other tasty fish specialties.

"Our grouper Amandine is one of our signature dishes. It has been on the menu from the beginning," says Skrecz.

Another delectable treat is the seafood crêpe. Stuffed with shrimp and scallops poached in white wine, the dish is complemented by a creamy lobster sauce and served with homemade Duchess potatoes.

"We make everything in house. Our sauces, dressings and desserts are all homemade," says Skrecz.

The dessert menu showcases a wealth of sweet options such as crème brûlée, Louisiana bread pudding, chocolate truffle mousse cake and apple pecan cobbler. "Everyone raves about our key lime pie. Most customers have an order for dessert," says Skrecz.

Happy hour is in the lounge from 4 to 7 p.m. daily.



The boneless grilled Delmonico steak is encrusted with a pleasantly pungent blue cheese mixture. It comes served with crispy shoestring fries and zesty sautéed mushrooms.



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A customer favorite, the Seafood Crêpe overflows with scallops and shrimps poached in white wine. It is served with lobster sauce and homemade Duchess potatoes.

[Photos by Malcolm McClintock]



Healthy and eye-catching, the Grilled Salmon features a hearty fillet over field of greens served with fresh fruit and smothered in a tangy apple vinaigrette.

Customers can enjoy reduced drink prices and free buffet with hot and cold selections such as pasta, chicken wings, spinach dip, cheese, sandwiches, quiches and more.

Live music and dancing are regular Friday and Saturday nights features.

The early bird special is from 5 to 6 p.m. and ranges in price from \$9.95 to \$16.95,

included are the soup or salad plus side dish and dessert. The lunch specials start at \$7.95.

Fifth Avenue Grill also has a private room that can seat up to 40 patrons for parties, business functions or any other special event. "We pride ourselves on providing top-notch service and food. It keeps our customers coming back again and again," says Skrecz.

"We also do weddings here. People have a wonderful time," adds Moran.

Fifth Avenue Grill has plenty of free parking and even complimentary valet parking. All major credit cards are accepted. The impressive wine list offers bottles starting at \$20.

"Our regular customers come from all over South Florida and, during season, we enjoy welcoming our visitors from up North," says Skrecz as she prepares the restaurant for yet another evening of good food and great wine in Lighthouse Point.

Malcolm McClintock is president of Alabama LLC, a firm that assists hotels, restaurants and individual property owners with their purchasing needs. He holds an MBA and has lived in Thailand, Spain, France, Mexico, Canada and the US where he has developed a deep appreciation for world gastronomy.

Poitier first out of the box for March 2011

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

Deerfield Beach – It's not much of a surprise, but Dist. 2 City Commissioner Sylvia Poitier has announced her candidacy for a four-year term beginning in 2011. Poitier and Vice Mayor Joe Miller face election in March after only two years in office because they drew the short straws in 2009 in order to stagger commission terms.

Miller has informally indicated he would like to run again to see some District 1 projects, such as the renovation of the fishing pier and the revamp of the Cove Shopping Center Parking Lot, completed.

Tuesday night, Poitier ended the four-hour plus meeting by announcing she would run again. "It's the last time I can run for anything," she said adding that at the end of another four years she would be "too old." The commissioner is 75 and has been in politics since 1974 when she was elected to the city commission and served a term here as mayor. In 1985, she was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Broward County Commission and remained there until 1998.

She has no official opponent, but Miller's seat may have drawn the interest of blogger Chaz Stevens who said at a recent commission meeting that he planned to run in District 1.

County allays fears and gets okay to build Island Park boat dock

Deerfield Beach – Commissioners approved an Intra-coastal boat dock at Deerfield Island Park after county officials dispelled fears that the new mooring would adversely impact the Hillsboro River and change the scenic nature of the 56-acre nature preserve.

In a move that removed most of the dissention, the length of the dock was cut by one third, about 80 feet, enough to keep it north of the confluence of the river and the Intracoastal and out of sight lines for residents of Hillsboro Landing II. Residents of the condo were assured no additional docks would be built and that BSO boats would patrol the area. Park and

marine spokespersons told the commission that the park, not now handicapped accessible, would continue to be in violation of the Americans' Disability Act if the dock is not built.

The park, just north of Hillsboro Boulevard, can be reached only by water and is open only on weekends. Funding for dock construction, \$440,000, comes through

the Marine Advisory Board's Broward Boating Improvement Program and the Florida Inland Navigational District.

Vice Mayor Joe Miller, who had not been positive about the project, said he was impressed that the dock builders had "listened and then modified" their plans. "I'm very impressed," he said.

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Pompano tax

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Since 1992, the SOH mandate has capped increases in taxable values of properties that have been homesteaded, meaning that home is the primary residence of the owner.

And as the 90's boom in property values continued to rise, appraisals were limited to a 3 percent or lower increase regardless of the true property value.

With less money in the coffers, officials sought other ways to tighten up the budget.

Personnel costs this year are lower because of a city-wide cost-of-living freeze for the past three years, saving taxpayers an overall \$4.2 million.

Last year's elimination of positions and reorganization at city hall produced savings of \$3.8 million and union negotiations for benefit reductions could produce savings of \$2 million. Along with other reductions, according to Brian

Donovan, Pompano Beach financial officer, other reductions resulted in a savings of more than \$13 million from the city budget.

"We have not reduced our services to the public," Donovan said. "Rather we have asked our employees to work smarter and more efficiently."

To ease the burden on the taxpayer, Donovan added that the city transferred \$3 million from its reserves to augment the budget.

Commissioner Barry Dockswell, who voted against the tax rate, said he had been disappointed with the lack of staff initiative within the city to delve deeper into cutting costs.

This week when he reiterated that disappointment,

Mayor Lamar Fisher explained that two options had come from staff for reductions. The first was to save costs by cutting 20 BSO deputies from the Sheriff's budget. The second option was to take more money from the city's reserve fund.

"Neither was a serious option," Dockswell said. "I would rather find a way to make the salary, pension and benefit packages enjoyed by public employees more competitive. In the absence of that, of necessity, outsourcing becomes a very attractive option for the taxpayer."

The city is already negotiating a contract with Calvin, Giordano & Associates, to outsource BSO code enforcement that could save 30

percent or about \$500,000 for taxpayers.

The adopted budget of \$213.1 million represents a budget decrease of \$2 million. Donovan said that figure reflects no decreases in public services. But it does reflect an increase of 23 percent in water and sewer rates.

The final tax bill, which will contain all taxing authority rates such as county, hospital, school board, Hillsboro Inlet and others will be mailed in late October.

But some city officials are concerned that Broward County has not yet set its tax rate and, in order to reduce its rate, may pass some costs to the cities.

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Teen party

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old party designed to showcase the store's merchandise and bring teens to the beach for music and skateboard exhibitions.

This year, the event Friday, Oct. 15, has the benefit of professional promoter V. Bernard Jones, a former economic development director in Pompano Beach, and the commission's approval to close a portion of A1A to traffic and to allow alcohol consumption outside the bars and restaurants in the area.

The Florida Department of Transportation gives final approval for the road closure, three blocks beginning at Northeast 1 Street and continuing to the "S" curve in front of the fishing pier.

Vice Mayor Joe Miller, said closing the street to traffic would make for a safer event. Two years ago city officials were critical of 'Madness' because adult drinkers, attracted by the music, went onto the youngsters' turf and unruly people of all ages were gathering in the street.

Miller was reluctant to back the open container resolution, but Mayor Peggy Noland said beer and wine are sold at other festivals held in the area and consumed in public.

Commissioner Bill Ganz said he didn't want a repeat of history and felt open containers opened the way for potentially dangerous situations.

Commissioner Sylvia Poitier said she wanted to be "equitable" in light of other events and moved for approval of the resolution. It

passed with Miller dissenting. This is the first major event for the Island Partnership, a loose-knit organization formed to promote the beach and beach businesses and to create economic opportunity. Jones said the open container policy was to bring parents of the teens to the scene, not to promote a "drink fest." He said both BSO and private security would be employed and that the Partnership carries \$1 million in liability insurance.

Sacred art

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foot wide circular paths will lead to a center where hopefully, Englehart said, there will be a bench for quiet contemplation.

Unlike a maze, there are no dead ends in a labyrinth; a single path that leads the walker to the center and out again. The process is a metaphor for creating one's life path and the knowledge that getting to the center helps a person's focus and quiets the mind.

This labyrinth is being dedicated to the memory of Faye Vale, a Century Village East resident and the Century Village Art Association.

Vale was an avid collector of art books and materials. After her death, her husband Irwin donated hundreds of books to the school's art department. The CVE Art Association still gives a small art scholarship each year to a DBHS student.

The labyrinth project has attracted as many as 100 students Englehart said, but a core of 15 or 20 are responsible for most of the work. She is hoping a public dedication can be held early in October and the labyrinth, located at the front northeast corner of the school campus, will become a place for people to come and find peace.

"The opportunity to stand inside a sheltered space and see the path one is walking is a blessing not to be taken lightly," Englehart said.

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The father of three children, Kelly, 7, Logan, 10 and Connor, 13, Anderson says, "Only Logan shows interest in the company. He likes to come to work with me and be a helper." Thank you for your generosity to the community.

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Labrador rescue

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11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. A "Bavarian Village" will be set up in downtown Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Highway, where the

official "keg tapping" begins the party. "Everything about our event is authentic, from the food and beer to the bands performing traditional Oktoberfest party music," said Siegi Constantine, executive director for Oakland Park Main Street. She is chairing the event with Steve McAleer and Eric Walters.

Hans Huber, owner of the Ambry Restaurant, will operate the "Biergarten" featuring German foods, wines and beers.

Vendors in an Alpine market will offer a variety of gift items and collectibles. Dancers will perform, and a carnival features rides, games and refreshments. Games and contests include a Dachshund Dash, keg races and for the first time a bratwurst-eating contest.

The cost is a \$3 donation for adults, while children 12 and under are admitted free. On-site parking is \$5. Northeast High School will again be recipient of a monetary contribution from Oktoberfest proceeds.

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Island Park

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"You turned this commissioner around."

Currently there is a marina in the Hillsboro River with space for seven small boats. The new dock will accommodate nine somewhat larger boats between 20 and 34 feet.

By giving approval, commissioners granted the variance to build the dock further into the Intracoastal Waterway to protect shoreline sea grasses.

The county-owned park opened in 1980 and is a sanctuary for plant and wildlife.

Commission guards reserve fund, millage remains at 6.77

Deerfield Beach - Despite residents' pleas to tap the city's reserve fund in order

to reduce property taxes, city commissioners stuck with the administration's \$133.7 million budget and the recommended 6.77 millage rate, almost one mil higher than the current year. The owner of a home valued at \$100,000 after exemptions, will pay \$677 in local taxes to fund the city's \$61.1 million operating budget. The bill would have been \$579 last year.

The undesignated reserve stands at \$10.5 million, money the administration says is needed for emergencies and to keep its high bond rating.

City Manager Burgess Hanson told the audience Tuesday that he started with a \$16.5 million deficit and had already instituted a policy with employees of "If you don't need it, don't buy it." He pointed out that unlike most Broward cities, Deerfield's

budget is balanced without an additional tax on utilities.

In order to keep expenses down, changes were made in longevity pay, wages were frozen, city departments were reorganized and some services are being privatized.

The process which started in May ended with major departmental budget cuts, \$1.4 million in the fire department, \$1.3 million in parks and recreation much of that due to the layoff of 103 workers.

Beside the hike in millage, residents were most concerned with the fact the cost of beach parking stickers will double from \$50 a year to \$100. Other increases in the new budget: a \$36 higher per residence fire fee, from \$99 to \$135; a new \$1 per hour boat trailer parking fee at the Pioneer Park boat ramp, \$3- an- hour parking meters, \$40 parking tickets.

Deerfield Beach Chamber hosts Cornerstones' gala

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

Deerfield Beach - Many of the city's oldest business firms were honored recently at the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce gala, "Cornerstones of Commerce," held at the Deerfield Beach Hilton.

A committee composed of Karen Hammett, Kiku Martinsen, Bud Clark, Kristen Obst, Carmen Garcia, Lorraine DeGeorges and Ted Frangos put together an elegant evening of dining and dancing for the 200 guests.

Highlight of the evening was the video presentation created by Jeff Graves and showcasing the business community. Chamber Chairman Frank Congemi emceed the event.

Honorees, all in business here for 20 years or longer, were Amantes, A&S Total Cleaning, Avanti Body Shop, The Beachcomber, Bicycle Generation, Campbell and Rosemurgy Real Estate, the Cove Restaurant, Deerfield Beach Country Club, Deerfield Builders Supply, Deer Creek Country Club, Dixie Divers, Emerald Towing, Gimler Plumbing, Howard Johnson's Beach Resort, Hilton Hotels, International Gems & Jewelry, Island Water Sports, JM Family Enterprises/SE Toyota, Kraer Becker Funeral Homes, Muddy Waters, MWI Eller, *Observer Newspaper*, Olympia Flame, Pop's Fish Market and Royal Fiesta.



A contingent from Kraer Becker Funeral Home, from left, George Anton, Marge Muth, Peter Manfredi, Megan Ringheiser, Melissa Pitolo and Dan D'Andrea.



Sandra and John Adeimy, Pop's Fish Market



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Gail and Brian Handleman, proprietors of the fishing pier restaurant.

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Pompano Chamber Expo puts business owners in touch with each other

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach Chamber members and guests enjoyed an evening of meeting business owners this month at the Citi Centre in Pompano Beach. The annual event brings members together to demonstrate, explain and show off their products.

A massage was easy to come by from Massage Envy; bankers were on hand with the latest CD rates and more than 60 items were raffled.

The event, sponsored by the Chamber, was hosted at Pompano Citi Centre and open to the public. Bobby Rubino's, 2501 N. Fed. Hwy., Pompano Beach and Amato's Italian Grill, Pompano Citi Centre served their specialties. Cold Stone Creamery scooped ice cream. For chamber information, call 954-941-2940.



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Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher, Margie Garland, Lyn Jones,



[Left] Ruth Spiegel and Jesse Stahl, Cold Stone Creamery, one of the most popular spots of the evening



[Right] Suzanne Moore, Regent Bank, Charlene, Regent Bank, Melissa Rapkin, Willow Wood

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Perez

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classes. Gallegos says the suspension closes the matter but that further action will be taken if any new information surfaces, or if Perez fails to finish his sensitivity courses. Captain Dorris Seibert, captain of operations, is currently serving as acting chief of police.

The emails, about 80, were sent to other officers in the department and people outside the city. They included messages about teaching urban students math using situations involving sex, drugs and violence.

Another shows pictures of young women in mock sexual situations. Others include sexual jokes about Obama's mother and how the death of Obama and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi would be good for the country.

In an email to *The Pelican*, Gallegos stated the emails violate the city's rules and regulations regarding appropriate use of the city's computer and other electronic systems. Employees are prohibited from using laptop or desktop computers for inappropriate and/or personal use.

Mayor Gary Resnick says Perez was apologetic for his actions and understands how

serious they were.

Resnick, who prompted the city manager and attorney to look into the case, says he's pleased with how city staff handled the investigation and that Perez's suspension is consistent with city policies and how other local governments generally deal with similar incidents.

"He needs to know he's a role model," said Resnick, who added that he's confident all the relevant facts and information have come out.

Commissioners Tom Green and Ted Galatis said they weren't happy with the chief's actions but that they don't want to micromanage the city manager. Green added that a police chief has to have a certain moral and command authority to do the job effectively. "I just hope that hasn't been damaged too badly," said Green.

Resident Chuck Williams says that any discriminatory remarks against any group are a cause for concern. "It's indicative of a mindset in the police department, and that's simply unacceptable," said Williams. He also said the chief shouldn't be moonlighting at Broward College, where Perez is an adjunct professor. "Police chief is a 24/7 job."

According to Rivka Spiro, Broward College public

relations, "Wilton Manors Police Chief Richard Perez is currently not on the teaching schedule of the Institute of Public Safety and will not be placed on the schedule until all outstanding issues have been resolved."

Previous controversial employee emails

In October 2008, the city and Anne Barnes signed a

mutual separation agreement. Barnes, who served as the assistant community services director, sent an email entitled "Proud to be White" using her city account. The email details a perceived double standard among whites and blacks over the use of racial slurs.

In addition to the email, Barnes also faced allegations of mismanagement and

harassment of a fellow employee, Lisa Wiggins.

The city paid a \$52,000 settlement to Wiggins, who no longer works for the city. "It's absolutely not the same case at all," said Gallegos.

Perez declined to speak to *The Pelican*. Perez's lawyer, Michael Dutko, did not respond to calls and messages left for him.

Trinity Church fall fair supports numerous outreach ministries that still need help

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for Pompano Beach. Of course the ladies in Esther Circle are all producing crafts and working right with me, as is Carol, the pastor and everyone."

The ladies in the circle work year 'round to support the church and its missions. This year, in addition to their first fall festival, they hosted a yearly auction, published the Trinity Family Cookbook, assisted with the fashion show and family fun day.

The Feeding Ministry

The feeding ministry, run by Dr. Marvin Giddings, well known LHP retired pediatrician, happens every other Saturday morning. Carol says, "Dr. Giddings is just a delightful man who has the gift of putting people at ease even as he gives them spiritual support. We feed between 60 and 70 people. Word of mouth brings us more people than we can feed which is heart breaking. Unlike many other food pantries, we receive

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She continues, "Our volunteers come in the day before and prepare individual bags of what we have and they return the next day to distribute. In hard economic times like these, there are more mouths to feed than we can handle. Financial contributions, food donations and even volunteers are hard to come by just when they are most needed. We've had to cut back from every Saturday morning to every other Saturday, and we only hope we get enough donations to keep that going."

Trinity United Methodist Church

The church, located at 3901 NE 22nd Ave. in Lighthouse Point, offers Sunday School at 9 a.m., Sunday Service at

10 a.m. followed by coffee, doughnuts and fellowship after the service.

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Conserving and managing freshwater fish in Florida represents more than good fishing and eating. The

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The plan is still in a formative stage and very flexible. During the past six months, FWC staff sought public input to identify issues and possible solutions to incorporate into this first draft.

Nearly 5,000 people completed the first survey or spoke with FWC biologists. However, none of the proposed actions are final. Public guidance will assist in the addition, deletion or

refinement of appropriate management actions for the next several decades. The survey is in outline format, and participants can comment on sections of particular interest, read a more detailed account, or skip areas where desired. The entire draft of Florida Black Bass Management Plan is available online.

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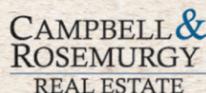
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