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## Arty buckets encourage "The Butt Stops Here" initiative

By Judy Vik

PELICAN WRITER

**LBTS** – A local hotelier has come up with his solution to beaches being used as an ashtray when smokers toss their cigarette butts in the sand.

"Cigarette butts are the No. 1 pollutant by far," says John Boutin, general manager of the Windjammer Resort and Beach Club on El Mar Drive.

"What's the problem? When people go to the beach, they bring parasols, chairs and suntan lotion. But no one ever brings an ashtray," he says.

For his smoking guests Boutin is providing a receptacle. "I've bought buckets, and I'm contracting with the 9Muses Art Center to have their members paint them," he said. The 9Muses program is run by the Broward County Mental Health Association.

Windjammer staff distribute the small, colorful metal buckets to guests who smoke with instructions to use them as ashtrays while on their property outdoors and at the beach.

"The buckets have been very well received. They're personalized, and the guests are using them," Boutin said, as he addressed the town commission recently.

"Due to the 'cuteness' factor - each bucket is an individual piece

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A young woman poses with Police Women of Broward County at the Pompano Beach National Night Out held at Founders Park. Guests enjoyed hot dogs, sodas, demonstrations and an evening of stepping out against crime. Broward Sheriff Al Lamberti welcomed the crowd after arriving by helicopter. [Staff photo]

## Mayor makes controversial board appointment at DBHA

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** – Mayor Peggy Noland named three new members to the Deerfield Beach Housing Authority Board of Commissioners this week including blogger Chaz Stevens who served briefly after Noland was elected in March. Also appointed was Sally Potter. The appointment of Noland's third choice, a Michael Weiss, was delayed until commissioners could meet him.

Stevens' re-appointment drew a sharp response from the board's former vice chairman Richard Sales whose term has expired.

Sales has been a vocal supporter of the Deerfield Beach Hous-

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## Geri Gunderson has given 17 years of volunteer service to JKV and the surrounding community

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

What would communities be like without dedicated volunteers like Geri Gunderson who has been giving her talents and time to many worthy causes in John Knox Village, or JKV, and elsewhere? This modest woman paused from her busy schedule to talk to the Pelican. "After 27 years with the I.R.S. in different capacities, I retired as a tax examiner in the bankruptcy department of collection in 1991."

Two years later, she and her husband, Ralph moved into JKV. "I had barely reached the starting age for

this community, and I was less than enthused about the move," she recalls. "But once here, I fell in love with the place, the people I met and the many areas in which I could volunteer."

That was almost 18 years ago and she's still serving as chairman of the fiscal committee for the Village. She is also past president and current board member on the Legislative Committee of N.A.R.F.E., or National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 558, and she recently joined the Board of the North Broward Democratic Club.

Village President and CEO, Bob Scharmann calls Geri's service "Faith-

ful and diligent . . . The residents and their homes have been her number one priority."

Gunderson has served on and been chair of the Village Health Committee, been vice president and president of the JKV Senate, a four year active member of Long Range Planning Committee.

With a sigh Gunderson says, "How quickly one can sum up such a long time. Listing those committees and activities leaves out the wonderful friendships that resulted from residents working together and the shared

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# His position is more than he expected or anticipated, but his head for business put George Brummer in his place on the dais

## Vice-Mayor Candidly Discusses Role, City's Future

By Andrew Scott

PELICAN STAFF

A "persistent critic" at the city's last commission meeting just didn't get it, says Pompano's Vice-Mayor George Brummer. Although the commission is taking August off, "he [the critic] made it sound like we were really going to be on vacation," Brummer said.

"What he didn't realize is that we don't get paid a lot of money in light of what we're

expected to do," Brummer added. "Furthermore, even on vacations, 'cell phones still ring and e-mails still come.'"

Brummer, 80, recently spoke in an interview with the Pelican of his role as vice-mayor and commissioner for District 5, his accomplishments in city government, his vision for Pompano, and the misperceptions about the job held by those like the "persistent critic."

City government is a complex beast that was not always on Brummer's radar. Before moving to Pompano from Chicago in 1983, he served as president of a life insurance company. After relocating, he ventured into publishing, serving as publisher and editor of

Currents magazine. For more than 15 years he also served on the city's Planning and Zoning board and on numerous committees. Eventually, he found that he had gained "a fairly good handle on the city," he said.

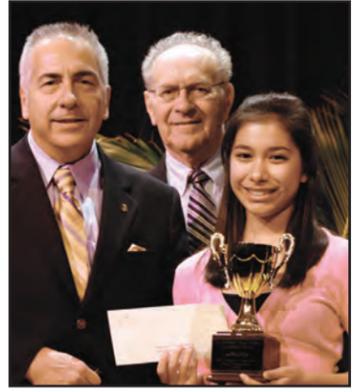
So when his predecessor, Herb Skolnick, underwent major surgery in 2003 and did not recover, Brummer ran for the District 5 seat and won.

"There wasn't really anyone who knew the district and the city as well as I did," he said.

But only a few months into the job, he realized just how little he knew about how



Pompano Beach Vice Mayor George Brummer



Vice Mayor George Brummer, a long-time supporter of cultural activities, is shown here with Bob Luptok, Steinway Gallery and a winner of the city's piano competition.

city government operates.

"I was probably better prepared [to take the seat] than any commissioner I knew,

but I still found there was a lot more to city government than what I imagined."

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# Brummer

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Hardest to come to terms with was how the city's budget alone is responsible for what happens in a city home to about 100,000 residents.

"I don't think people grasp how the budget operates the city, because it doesn't happen that way in private industry," Brummer noted. "The budget is the controlling financial force."

As a five-time elected city commissioner, Brummer has made the city's zoning code a top priority during his tenure.

"It's more than 50 years-old," Brummer told the Pelican. "It is a patch quilt of ordinances." So he has pushed for the code to be revised and updated. The soon-to-be-completed revision, "will allow developers to construct new buildings because of restrictions that are a little less restrictive."

A Palm Aire park, Brum-

mer's brainchild, recently broke ground. Slated for completion in November, the park will boast a playground, six tennis courts, tot lots, handball courts, a basketball court and an exercise pavilion. The park, intended to meet the need of the younger population that has moved into the area, will be named in Brummer's honor.

When Brummer assesses Pompano's development needs, he says "we've got to do something from here [City Hall] on Atlantic Boulevard to Federal Highway, on both arteries nothing really has happened in the last 20 years."

One idea he overwhelmingly supports is the proposed Civic and Cultural Center.

"I've suggested that if we're going to have something somewhat unique, we should expand that and have something like a mini-convention center because we don't have anything like that in the city," Brummer said. He envi-

sions that the complex will be a boon to the city center with many area businesses benefiting from its visitors. However, he has one stipulation, that the building has "bold architecture."

It's projects like the Civic and Cultural Center that the 28-year Pompano resident hopes will help the city regain its place on the map. "We have to find a way to make a mark, to give the city something that distinguishes it from the [other cities]."

Brummer's style is sometimes described as no-nonsense. Two years ago, he threatened repercussions if a five-year-old project to plant trees along a corridor between Atlantic Boulevard and Martin Luther King Boulevard did not move more quickly.

"There should not be any

other delays or else I'll suggest some heads roll," he said at the time.

"Things reached the point where I needed to do that, and I did it conscientiously," he told the Pelican.

But in general, Brummer says playing hardball is not his style. "I don't tend to get aggravated or short-tempered." Only when a matter is embellished is his patience most tested.

"That's probably an outgrowth of my education and experience in mathematics where you don't deal with fluff; you get right to the point of it," he said. "I don't need

the sales pitch, just tell me what you're after."

As for Brummer's future, he says his goals within city government extend only to next March. At that point, "I will be running again" for the city commission seat, he stated. If he wins and completes that term, he says he doesn't know what he'll do the next time. "I'm not worrying about it now."

"I never lived a life of plans—I had no expectation to live until 80, to be in city government and politics," the father of two and grandfather of six said. "It just happened."

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# Gunderson

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pleasure we've felt at some of our hard won successes. Plenty of times we weren't successful in achieving our goals."

The Health Center was her favorite service. "I guess I had a lot of empathy for the residents and the employees and always wanted to improve the conditions for both. I'm still feeling good about the fact that I brought the poorly paid CNAs, or Certified Nurse Attendants, to the attention of Frank Furman, our Board Chairman then and was instrumental in getting them an hourly wage increase."

Another achievement for the Health Center under her leadership was the addition of a family room and serenity room for the residents. Gunderson recalls, "An amazingly hard working team fundraised, dealt with frustrations, and worked tirelessly for four years to make these room additions possible, but they did it and Health Center residents now have a private place to visit with family and a place to transact private business with bankers, lawyers, etc."

A printed pamphlet about these additions attributed the success to the leadership of 'Geri Gunderson who has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for our Health Center Residents.

Much of the efforts would not have happened if Geri had not seen the need'.

Paula and Irwin Woolf were part of that team. Paula says, "Volunteering is of the utmost importance in any community. We have known Geri and Ralph for 17 years and they both have, and Geri still does more than her share. She still is one of our most energetic, intelligent and caring residents—a true asset to JKV."

Working on the Long Range Planning Committee under John Hooker's leadership was another rewarding job to Gunderson. She says, "We worked as teams and got input from every department in the Village. At the end of each year, we produced a booklet with recommendations to Administration and the Board of Directors. Our reward is seeing some of



NARFE representatives meet with Congressman Ron Klein! L to R: Mike Stern, Chapter 2335, Ron Klein, former congressman, Rita Daniels, Chapter 558, Tony Torchia District 6 and Geri Gunderson, past president Chapter 558

those recommendation taken and acted upon. We were heard."

JKV has a representative government called the Senate for the residents to express their thoughts, wishes and reactions to their quality of life.

Gunderson gravitated to this area, first becoming one of the 35 Village Senators, each representing the residents living in a defined area and eventually president of the Senate and says, "This is a hot seat and very challenging. It's a spot where it's easy to make friends, and enemies. My husband was terminal at the time I was president and sometimes the combined pressure was overwhelming."

Currently as chair of the Senate Fiscal Committee, Gunderson says, "Together,

as a committee, we evaluate the information given to us by our CFO, Jean Eccleston and then we present options and ideas to management, the Senate and eventually to the Board of Directors. I like this job because I want to know where our money is and where it goes."

Her NARFE involvement puts Gunderson in touch with past and present government employees all over Broward County. She says, "I've been active in NARFE for 10 years because we have a big stake in decisions made about us. Currently we are under attack and we aim to fight back. I'm a past president of Chapter 558 and I try to address our concerns in the monthly newsletter I currently write."

"As a new Board member

of North Broward Democratic Club, I am enjoying being more aware of and active in Pompano Beach and the greater world around us."

With all of these interests, still the most important of all is her family including son Rick, daughter Carole

and granddaughters, Kelly and Kristy. Asked why she continues to do all of these things, Gunderson pauses and finally says, "It boils down to a simple answer. I care."

Thank you for years of service to the world around you, Geri Gunderson.

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## Town offering free single-stream recycling, meeting Aug. 16 will cover details

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Hillsboro Beach**- A meeting to encourage residents to join the town's first major recycling effort will be held Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2 and 3 p.m. at town hall.

Representatives from Waste Management, the town's solid waste collector, and the Broward County Recycling Division, will speak on the profits and environmental benefits of recycling.

The cost of the service, \$14,000 a year, will be paid from the town's operating

budget. Each ton of recyclables collected earns a \$56 rebate.

Commissioner Rhea Weiss who is spearheading the effort said there is a possibility of grant money from the county.

Hillsboro Beach is one of the last cities in Broward to offer a recycling program. Here, the 96-gallon rolling cart provided each home and condominium free of charge will be a receptacle for paper, plastic, metal and glass bottles.

Weiss hopes a representative from each multi-family

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Anne Siren, publisher

## City issues official statement regarding West's visit to group

**Wilton Manors** - The Mayor and Commission of the City of Wilton Manors would like to make clear that while they do not support Congressman Allen West's positions on equality for the GLBT community, the City is against the threatened action to call for a boycott of local businesses. A healthy business sector is a critical part of the economic vitality of any community and to damage those small businesses, many of which are owned by and employ members of the GLBT community makes no sense; particularly in such challenging economic times.

It should be clear that Ms. Celeste Ellich, current President of the Wilton Manors Business Association (WMBA) does not in any way speak for the City of Wilton Manors nor does she represent the City in any capacity. As a private citizen and head of a private organization, she is free to rent our facility and invite anyone as a featured speaker. Neither the City nor its businesses were involved in her decision to invite Congressman West. The City would hope that she would extend similar invitations to all legislators (state and federal) who represent Wilton Manors. Regardless, the members of WMBA cover the gamut of our City's significant and diverse business community and employers, and include everything from major area hospitals and banks to local restaurants, professional services, and even the City itself.

"We want to make it absolutely clear that the City of Wilton Manors supports its business community, and has undertaken substantial efforts to sustain existing businesses, and to attract new businesses. Calling for an economic boycott of our business community because you do not happen to agree with Ms. Ellich's invitation to Congressman West is not only counterproductive, but is irresponsible," stated Mayor Gary Resnick. "As a member of the GLBT Caucus, I was taken aback that such action would even be suggested." Furthermore, damaging our businesses will not affect Ms. Ellich's or Congressman West's attitudes or beliefs.

While the City has no issue with residents exercising their rights to peaceful protest and to communicate their views, including making their views known at the ballot box, we strongly object to a call for a boycott of our businesses, and suggest that Mr. Rajner would be better served to get his points across in some positive way, rather than threaten to hurt the wonderful, diverse and vital businesses in our city.

*[Ed. Note] The above letter is in response the cancellation of the Wilton Manors Business Association's Aug. 8 meeting, planned for Hagen Park. Controversy arose when some people objected to an invitation sent to Congressman Allen West to speak at their meeting. Objections were based on West's history of public comments regarding the GLBT community.*

*City officials approved the above letter.*

## 250,000 children are thinking about school, so the rest of us need to think about their safety

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

Nearly a quarter million students will be returning to school in Broward County on Monday, Aug. 22.

The safety of all children is our number one priority, and it should be yours, too. Even if you do not have school age children, it is important to remember there are ways everyone can help keep our kids safe!

Drivers need to remember that Florida law prohibits passing, in either direction, a school bus that is stopped with its flashing lights activated.

Drivers must also remember to slow down in school zones. Driving slowly and carefully through school zones sharply reduces the risk of a tragic accident. Anyone caught passing a stopped school bus or speeding in a school zone can expect a costly fine – the Broward Sheriff's Office simply will not tolerate violations that could harm a child.

Remember, many students will be riding their bicycles or walking to school. Pay attention to crosswalks and areas near schools where children could potentially dart into the roadway.

Being hit by a car is by far the greatest threat to any child walking or riding a bicycle to school. Parents and guardians need to ensure their child is wearing a helmet – it's the law.

Helmets are the single most effective safety device for cyclists and greatly reduce the risk of death or critical injury. Remind your child to always ride his or her bicycle with the flow of traffic and obey stop signs and traffic signals. Children should also stay on the sidewalk and only cross at crosswalks.

Now is a good time to remind your child to never, ever stop to talk to strangers on the way to and from school and, most importantly, never get into any vehicle with a stranger. These could potentially be life-threatening. Again, even if you do not have school age children, if you see something suspicious near a school or playground, report it to 911 immediately.

If you have watched or listened to news reports lately, bullying among teens and young adults is a hot topic. Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power or strength. Children who are bullied have a hard time defending themselves. Usually, bullying is repeated over time. Bullying can take many forms such as physical, verbal, emotional and cyber-bullying. Signs that your child might be bullied are: torn clothes, loss of appetite, mood changes and/or a reluctance to go to school. Bullying – whether or not it is happening to your child or a classmate – should be reported right away. You may make an anonymous report by calling the Broward School District's emergency hotline at 754.321.0911.

By keeping safety in mind, we can all work together to make the 2011-2012 school year safe and successful.

As always, you can stay up to date about BSO news and information by visiting our website at [www.sheriff.org](http://www.sheriff.org), become a fan of our Facebook page (Broward Sheriff's Office – Official), follow us on Twitter@browardsheriff or sign up for our CyberVisor program.

Stay safe!  
Sheriff Al Lamberti

## Tisha B'Av: A Fast Day of Historical Tragedies

By Rabbi David Hartley Mark

TEMPLE SHOLOM OF POMPANO BEACH

A great deal of Jewish history is full of sad events, but there is one day, in particular, which is fraught with tragedy: the Ninth Day of the Hebrew Month of Av, known in Hebrew as Tisha B'Av, which this year falls on Tuesday, August 9th. According to the Talmud (composed between 5th Century BCE and 220 Common Era), God designated that day for bad fortune after the Israelites in the wilderness reacted to the report of the spies whom Moses sent out to traverse the Promised Land. Nearly all of the spies brought back a negative report, and the Israelites, lacking faith in God, wept from fear all of that night. God said, in effect, "You wept for no reason: in the future, I'll give you something to cry about!"

Sadly, the following cataclysms befell the Jewish people on Tisha B'Av throughout history:

In 586 BCE (Before the Common Era), the first Holy Temple in Jerusalem, built by King Solomon, was destroyed by Babylonian armies commanded by the Emperor Nebuchadnezzar.

In the year 70 CE, the second temple was destroyed by the Tenth Roman Legion, under General Titus.

During the 2nd Century CE, the fortress of Beitar, the last symbol of Jewish resistance to Roman rule, was overcome.

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The babies are already nesting. Shhh! And watch your step on the beach. It's turtle season in South Florida

# Budget comes in lower than last year and saves taxpayers one mil

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** – Using \$3 million he anticipates will be raised by the new utility tax and an estimated \$2.1 million savings from cuts in employee wages and benefits, City Manager Burgess Hanson has crafted an operating budget of \$73.8 million that allows for a one mil decrease in property taxes.

The budget is \$652,000 less than last year. The proposed millage is 5.7688. Budget preparation started with \$78.161 million in departmental requests and a \$1.4 million deficit due to the drop in property values.

Four hundred non-uniformed employees will take a five percent decrease in their pay checks, forego merit pay

and cost of living hikes and make contributions to their health plans in 2011-2012. And although contract negotiations with Firefighters Local 1673 has not yet produced an agreement, Finance Director Hugh Dunkley said the same salary and benefit numbers were applied to the fire department budget.

The early retirement incentive offered and accepted by 31 city employees was not part of the calculations, Dunkley said.

Major reorganization of several departments also contributed to overall savings, Dunkley said. "We eliminated redundant positions and realigned others," he said. As of December 31, the Department of Public Works will be disbanded with its divisions going to Parks and Recreation

Maintenance and the Department of Environmental Services. Funding for the current director position, held by Carl Peter, will be eliminated.

Also eliminated is the Community Development Department which has been contracted to a third-party consultant and along with that the manager's position now held by Peter Parkin.

Planning and growth management will be restructured to coincide with the building division but most positions will be intact. New revenues of \$100,000 will be realized from increases in fees for developers and business licenses

Changes are also occurring in the Department of Parks and Recreation which had zone manager positions which

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## Recycling

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complex as well as residents of single-family homes will attend the August 16 meeting. Those who are unable to attend will be contacted at a later date.

Information at the meeting will be provided by Stacy Morin from the county and Luigi Pace from Waste Management. Pick up schedules and cart placement will be explained. "We'll know after the meeting who still needs information," Weiss said.

The program, entirely voluntary, probably will not make the town money because of its small size, but Weiss said there are other reasons to recycle. "It improves air quality, reuses materials, saves

space in the landfill and saves energy," she said.

Several years ago, Waste Management set up a dumpster at town hall for recyclables, but the program was halted when residents began dropping off non-recyclable materials and the bin constantly overflowed.

## Democrats women celebrate Equality Day

**Pompano Beach** - The Democratic Women's Club will meet Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach.

The topic will be Women's Equality Day.

On Aug. 26, 1920, women won the right to vote when the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution became law.

The struggle began in 1848 at Seneca Falls, New York, at the first women's rights convention. 2011

marks the 91st anniversary of women's suffrage.

The meeting will include a short film documenting the history of Women's Suffrage. Call 954-942-8711.

## Sightings

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Dwight Hoffman, Isabelle Wilczynska, Jose Herazo, Osorio, Jody Leshinsky, Karla Smith, Marc Lipp, R. Lewis Hooten, Robert Grauer. The event is free and open to the public.

### Events

**Aug. 6** - Historical Society of Deerfield Beach hosts tours of the historical Butler House,

380 E. Hillsboro Blvd. the 1920 Old Deerfield School, 232 NE 2 St., Deerfield Beach and the 1926 Deerfield Train Station, 1300 W. Hillsboro Blvd. The docent-led tour is free and focuses on the history of the city. Donations are welcome. Call 954-429-0378.

**Aug. 5** - East Village Uncorked 6 to 9 p.m. - Enjoy over 15 restaurants featuring international cuisine, wine

*See Sightings on page 13*



Doggie Daycare & Grooming, 2155 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors, hosted its grand opening this week. Pictured are Commissioner Scott Newton, Kyle Thompson, Mayor Gary Resnick and business owners Josh Meneses and Alan Aghazadian. 754-223-4776. [Photo by Shires Photography]

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- **Tax-deferred savings.** Your contributions, any employer contributions and any earnings on these contributions can grow on a tax-deferred basis. This means you don't pay taxes on the money in your account until it is withdrawn. The compounding effect of tax-deferred growth can be a powerful way to build a retirement fund for your future. Note, however, that withdrawals before age 59½ may incur a 10% federal penalty in addition to applicable income taxes.

#### For More Information

If you'd like to learn more, please contact me, Lucie Sabella, at (561) 394-8641.

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# Sharp eyes help cops recover stolen property



Michelle Weingard and Police Chief Pete Sudler.

property stolen in Deer Run and Gates of Hillsboro was retrieved.

In lauding Weingard for her actions, Chief Sudler said "We need help from the residents. We need your eyes and ears."

## BSO promotions

**Deerfield Beach-** The city has a new second-in-command at the police station. Neal Glassman was promoted July 25 and assigned to Deer-

field Beach replacing Executive Officer Kevin Granville who has been given the rank of captain and assigned in Pompano Beach.

Glassman began his career in New York City in 1985 and joined BSO in 1989 coming up through the ranks to his

most recent position, homicide sergeant. He holds a master's degree in criminal justice.

According to Chief Pete Sudler, who introduced Glassman at the commission meeting this week, his only fault is "he is a Jet's fan."

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** —Michelle Weingard saw something that looked suspicious in her Gates of Hillsboro neighborhood July 7, so she called BSO. Her alertness earned her praise this week when Police Chief Pete Sudler publicly thanked her at a city commission meeting.

Weingard's report dovetailed with the description given by a 13-year-old in Deer Run, the victim of a home robbery. Weingard had become alarmed when she saw people running from a home in her neighborhood. Her description of the vehicle and the suspects matched the teen's and enabled police to spot the burglar's car on Poweline Road.

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## Gonot gets jail time for stealing funds

**Deerfield Beach** –Former city commissioner Steve Gonot was sentenced to one-year in jail and five years of probation last week for stealing \$5,135 in funds from his campaign account. He was released on \$20,000 bond and will appeal the sentence

handed down by Circuit Court Judge Barbara McCarthy.

Gonot served from 2001 to 2008 when he was charged and removed from office. His trial was held in May.

Two other former commissioners await disposition of their cases. Former Mayor Al

Capellini was charged shortly after Gonot with unlawful compensation stemming from work he did at the Natura community here and Commissioner Sylvia Poitier was suspended by the governor in May after she was charged with falsifying public records.

## Taco Bell, ALDI store in the planning stages

**Deerfield Beach** – Two commercial applications were approved by the commission this week, one a plat for an ALDI supermarket at 747 S. Federal Highway, the other a

site plan for a Taco Bell at 50 N. Federal Highway.

In both cases, residents living next to the sites expressed concerns about noise.

The ALDI plat must go to the county for approvals which could take more than one year. Residents of Hampton Gardens asked for assurances that a wall and landscaping would buffer their properties.

Representatives for Taco Bell said a 10-foot wall will be erected behind the residences on Little Harbor Way which back up to the restaurant, formerly a Wendy's. They also said they will mute the speaker at the drive-thru and install lighting with zero foot candles at their property line. The drive-thru is open until 2 a.m. But not every business has been as thoughtful

Resident Chris McGeary complained that the Walgreen's opened there last year has lights that "shine on us" and the drive-thru produces a lot of noise.

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# The story behind Harbor Village Cleaners's success in Pompano Beach is steeped in family love, hard work and patriotism

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Marge Carlson didn't want to leave her home in Wisconsin and the family business that she and her husband, Carl, had started.

But the harsh winters had taken their toll on Carl, a young 40-year-old Navy Veteran who had just suffered a heart attack.

Their physician told the couple that Carl should move to Florida and play golf every day. Carl followed that advice to the tee and enjoyed another 22 years with his family.

"I came reluctantly, for Carl's health, and I never looked back," says Marge.

Most folks around here knew Carl and still know Marge as the owners of the Martinizing Dry Cleaners. They own successful Martinizing franchise in Wisconsin, so when they moved to Pompano Beach in 1967, it was a logical move to buy another Martinizing franchise and set up business at the Harbor Village Shopping Center, 2667 E. Atlantic Boulevard, 44 years ago.

"Martinizing Dry Cleaners, McDonald's Restaurant and Kentucky Fried Chicken all started about the same time and were all successful. We chose to go with Martinizing because we knew about dry cleaning," Marge says.

And they had a little luck on their side.

Had they leased the space next to the Publix on East Atlantic Boulevard.

"If we had," says Marge. "We wouldn't be here now."

The Atlantic Boulevard Publix, a new store when Marge and Carl came in the '60s, has recently been demolished and is now in the process of being rebuilt.

"The franchise company wanted us at Publix," says Marge, but added, "Carl didn't want to be next to a grocery store. He said people would be thinking about food, and he wanted people to be thinking about dry cleaning when they came to us."

After driving from Hollywood to West Palm Beach, Carl finally decided on the

corner spot at Harbor Village. He started with a 10-year lease. Marge remembers that there was only one high-rise, Ever April, on the beach at the time, "There were 10 dry cleaning places between us and the beach," she says, "People told us we'd never make any money here, but competition didn't worry Carl."

Had those people known more about him, they may not have been so eager to discourage him.

Carl was in the first wave of the invasion on Normandy Beach in WWII. His ship sank, and he had to swim to shore. He got back on another ship. He left the Navy in 1946. But he never left his

patriotic beliefs.

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Marge and Carl kept the

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# Harbor Cleaners

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franchise because Martinizing was a good name for dry cleaning. In 1955, they went out on their own and incorporated Harbor Village Dry Cleaners. Their children, Bill, who still works at the business, and Pam, a nurse, are all part owners.

Marge remembers "with tears" the day the Martinizing sign came down."

But by then, the busi-

ness was flowing with steady customers and in 1984 they bought their building.

In 1989, Carl died.

Says Marge, "Pompano has been very good to us. We have been blessed. Our son, Bill, came to help. He had been a minister for a Presbyterian Church. He gave it up to come and help."

"We have no complaints about business today. We praise God that He brought us to Pompano Beach because He is the one who did it."

This year Marge and her family celebrate 44 years

in business. They are very excited about the renovation plans that are in the works for them and for many businesses on the Boulevard.

Tonight, at the East Village Uncorked art, food and CRA party that takes place at the Village Harbor Shops, you can stop by Harbor Cleaners and meet Marge between 5 and 9 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

But don't expect some shy, retiring woman behind the counter. As she told The Pelican, "We're ready for another 44 years. Got that, girl?"

# Tisha B'Av

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In 1290, King Edward I signed an edict expelling all Jews from England; they were not permitted to return until 1657, under Oliver Cromwell. (It is noteworthy that Shakespeare, who wrote an anti-semitic play, The Merchant of Venice, probably never met a Jew in his life.)

In 1492, the Inquisition influenced King Ferdinand to cast out all the Jews of Spain, where they had lived and

flourished for centuries.

In 1914, World War I began on this date, which caused a great deal of Jewish suffering, as the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe and Russia found themselves caught between warring armies. Indeed, during this conflict, the German army was regarded as the savior. Although the suffering of the Jews and other ethnic groups during this war hardly matched those of World War II, this war set the stage for the latter hostilities.

How is this day observed? Jewish congregations gather to read from the Book of Lamentations, attributed to the prophet Jeremiah, which describes the suffering the Jewish community faced during the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem. The fast lasts twenty-four hours for observant Jews who mourn the loss of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, although many modern Jews regard the restoration of Israel as a sign of God's fulfilling the promise of our people's restoration to their land, and, accordingly, do not fast. Other Jews argue that, since Messiah has not yet arrived and the temple rebuilt, the fasting rite should be continued. Whatever a Jew's personal custom is, this holy day exemplifies how our people can continue, indeed prosper, despite a past full of setbacks and difficulties. It is a perfect time for introspection and meditating on our connection to God: "Let us search and examine our ways, and turn back to the Lord" (Lamentations 3:40).

At Temple Sholom, our daily minyan/morning service will include some readings for the holiday: join us on Tuesday morning, Aug 9, at 8:45 a.m.

# Sightings

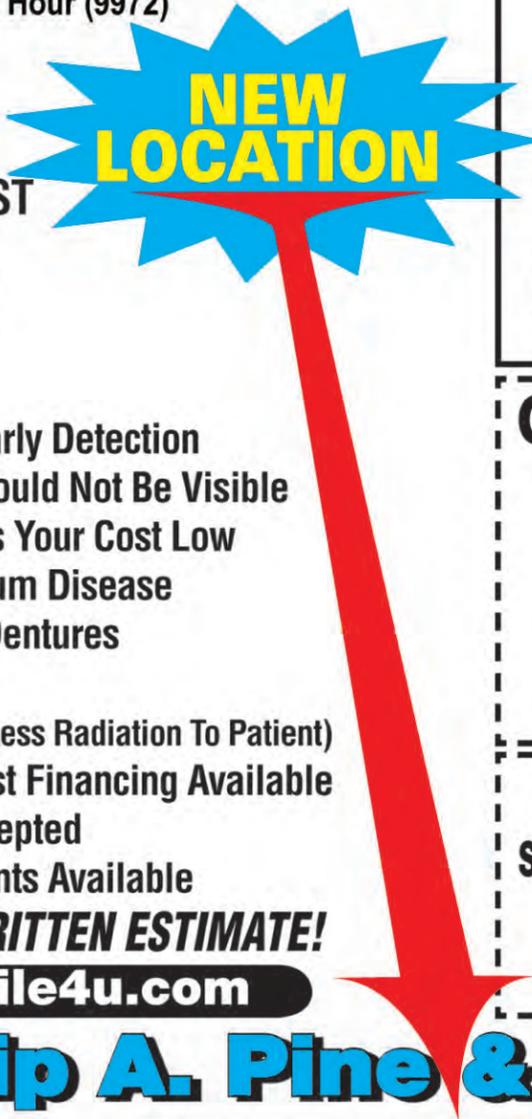
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tastings from around the world in participating shops, artist exhibits throughout Harbor Village and live entertainment in three locations at this free event open to the public. Various merchants will be hosting in-store specials and giveaways, interactive art projects, and more! Win a \$50 shopping spree! Pick-up a Discovery Tour Guide at participating merchants in Harbor Village, Atlantic Square Shopping Center or at the CRA information booth. Free Parking is available. Event is located just west of the Intracoastal on East Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach. Visit pompanobeachcra.com or call 954.786.7824 for more details.

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# Board decides to speed up payments on parking lot debt

By Judy Vik

PELICAN WRITER

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** - Commissioners have agreed to pay down 15 percent of the principle on the town's \$1.366 million parking debt with no pre-payment penalties.

The vote was 3-2 at the July 26 meeting.

The move, negotiated with SunTrust Bank, saves the town \$167,319 over the life of the loan, according to Tony Bryan, finance director. Amount of the first pre-payment is \$204,972.

Another option was to pay off the loan entirely for a savings of \$180,984.

Town Manager Connie Hoffmann recommended the option the commission selected. "If interest rates go up, our prepayment penalty would go down further. It might disappear entirely," she said, "so I think it makes sense to take the risk and spend the additional \$13,000. In the event interest rates go up, we could then move to pay off the loan for considerable savings."

At an earlier meeting, the commission directed staff to negotiate the reduction or elimination of the early payment penalty on the Sun Trust loan should they choose to pay it off. Bryan said he was not entirely successful but bank officials had agreed to increase the prepayment penalty discount to 30 percent.

Commissioner Scot Sasser said he was disappointed that 30 percent is the most the bank would come off the prepayment penalty.

In October 2005, the town borrowed \$2 million at an interest rate of 3.95 to be repaid in quarterly installments over 15 years. The town has paid \$633,039 of principle and \$385,503 in interest. As of June 30, the outstanding balance was \$1.366 million. By paying the 15 percent each year, the town will pay off the loan in five years.

The loan was used to pay part of the acquisition cost of the A1A parking lot.



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# Budget

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are being eliminated. Ocean Rescue Captain Lee Magnuson and one lieutenant will retire and while Magnuson will be replaced, all other positions in the division will be frozen. Because the fishing pier will be under construction, it will be closed midnight to 6 a.m. except on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when it is open 24 hours.

One victim of tighter finances is the city's Teen Center which will be closed and used for code enforcement. Hanson said statistics show the center has few patrons. Its programs may be transferred to schools and other city facilities.

Although the city and the Broward Sheriff's Office are in talks regarding BSO taking over operation of the local fire/rescue department, the new budget assumes the depart-

ment will remain in-house. Hanson said, however, such a merger is his "most opportunistic goal" to lower the cost of running the city. The only capital item the department has requested is a rescue vehicle costing \$265,000 which can be paid for over time. Fire Chief Chad Brocato has cut \$577,000 from his operating expenses. Hanson said fire/rescue is now operating on a "shoestring" budget.  
City Attorney Andy

Maurodis cut his budget by \$125,200 and will operate his office on \$400,000.

Funding for community groups remains the same except for the addition of \$8,000 for the Target Industry Tax Refund. The Area Agency on Aging took a \$10,000 hit while Homebound, Family Central, Women in Distress, NE Focal Point CASA and the beautification authority remain the same, for total expenditures of \$106,764.

In a letter Hanson said franchising all or part of the solid waste and recycling division could be cost-saving measure in the future. He plans to bring numbers to the commission before the end of the year. This year, the division enjoys a \$1 million savings in tipping fees which should, in following years, lower consumer rates.

The first budget workshop is set for Thursday, August 11 at 7 p.m.

# Sightings

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**Aug. 10** - NE Focal Point Preschool OPEN HOUSE, 227 NW 2 Street, Deerfield Beach, 954-480-4473. 6 to 8 p.m. Guest Speaker: Bobbi Noderer, MS, LMFT "Parenting with Peace and Purpose." Refreshments and Free Babysitting.

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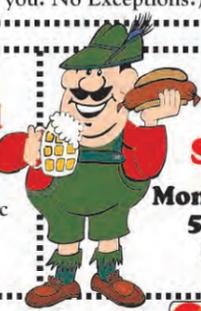


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# Butts

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of art - plus how well they work in the beach environment, our guests are very pleased to use them," he said. The tiny buckets are partially filled with sand.

"We were excited to be able to give our 9Muses members the assignment, and they embraced it with vigor," said Chris Yoculum, director of the program. "Not only are they enjoying the creative project, but through the help of the hospitality and lodging sector of Laudedale-By-The-Sea, we are getting the message out about this remarkable and talented group that meets at the 9Muses Art Center."

Now Boutin is bringing his idea to other hotels along El Mar Drive. He's calling his initiative "The Butt Stops Here," and is hoping his idea spreads through the town.

"We at Windjammer Resort recognize the large problem of cigarette butts on our beach," Boutin said. He understands that when smokers come to the beach, they don't have a way to dispose of their butts. That's why the vast majority of them bury the butts in the sand.

"Unfortunately, cigarette butts do not decompose and simply rise back up to the surface," he said.

Boutin is hopeful that if the program is successful for lodging establishments, the town would make the buckets available at beach portals. He thinks the program could catch on with condominiums as well.

Through his program, with each donation of \$180, the Mental Health Association of Broward will commission 9Muses for a dozen buckets for a business. Donations are tax deductible.

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# Housing Authority

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ing Authority's, or DBHA, executive director Pam Davis, whom Stevens has targeted negatively many times on his website. This week the longtime board member said, "I truly don't understand the

mayor's actions. For her to believe Chaz will do good is preposterous. Pam is an absolutely honest person. I think this is a personal vendetta."

The appointment of three new people to the board also eliminates another longtime member Lee Giannino. Remaining members are Caryl Berner, Chairman Keith Emery, Ernestine Gray and Dr.

Alan Leavitt.

In June, Mayor Noland announced to the commission she would seek a hearing to review the board's actions relevant to charges it withheld information from the city's investigator Michael Kessler. Executive Director Pam Davis disputes the charge saying Kessler was supplied with public records after he submitted an abbreviated list.

Since then, an inspector general from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has reviewed the department but has not issued a report.

In a response prepared for the DBHA by attorney Tom Connick on July 15, letters from HUD give the local authority high marks and little criticism.

Stevens' appointment was approved by the commission,

4 to 1. Commissioner Marty Popelsky opposed it as he did the first time around.

This week he said, "We gave Chaz an opportunity." Stevens attended only two meetings of the board and then resigned. "I thought he was a negative individual and disruptive. I was surprised Peggy brought him up."

Noland defended Stevens' abrupt departure saying, "He has assured me he will stay on until everything is straightened out. A lot of board members didn't want to work with him."

Sales confirmed that when Stevens attended the two meetings there was "tension." At Stevens' second meeting, Connick and the board's attorney Bill Crawford made critical remarks about him, Sales said.

Explaining why he had voted for Deerfield Beach's most infamous web commentator, Commissioner Joe Miller said "He sends us five emails a day. He doesn't go away... he is relentless. My thought is

he's worth a shot even though he's got a big ego. We're influenced by his emails. He's made a case for himself."

Commissioner Bill Ganz also endorsed the appointment but said, "I don't want to make this a circus... we've gone beyond that. I hope whatever we're doing, the intent is not a personal vendetta."

According to his blog, Stevens has already emailed Davis the resume he wants posted on the DBHA website and has asked that the board's attorney not be present at the next meeting in order to save the Authority money.

The board is scheduled to meet again Wednesday, Aug. 10, 4:30 p.m. at the Business Skills Center, 553 S. Dixie Highway.





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## Weekly Fishing Report

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Overall fishing has been very productive this week, and with the drop in pressure from the approaching tropical storm, it should still be a consistent daytime swordfish bite,

Right now day timing for swords is going off, with

consistent bites throughout the day with catches in the 250-450-lb category.

Dolphin fishing has slowed down, but some are being caught in the 20 to 40-lb range.

The mutton and yellowtail bites are steady in the 80 to 180 foot range with the anchor and chum technique being the best choice to load

the wagon.

Bonitos have still been moving through the reef with a report of a few wahoos caught in the 50 to 70-lb class. Best bet is to use live bait to get a shot at a few of these reef dragsters.

With the storm approaching and the decision on whether the Salt Water Slam will take place or not is still a guess.

Jamie Bunn says a decision will be made Friday.

Be advised that the kick off party is still on! The Sword Lord Tourney has been postponed to the following Saturday and their kick off party is also a go. This is a good time to get out there before the weather arrives , All the Best.

Get Tight!

# St. Coleman Parish rolls with youth sports, Walk on Water tournament results

By Cindy Thuma

PELICAN WRITER

**Pompano Beach - St. Coleman Catholic Church** is one of the larger, more active Roman Catholic churches in Broward County. Its school is a whopper among parochial schools in the Archdiocese of Miami, and its athletic program has been dominant among parochial middle schools for decades. There are some very good reasons for its reputation for athletic excellence.

One reason is the St. Coleman Youth Group Sports League, operated by the parish's men's club. The

league offers co-ed soccer play in the fall and basketball in the spring.

The program is modeled after youth athletic programs at other Christian churches and schools in the area, and not unlike Catholic Youth Organization programs of the past. At St. Coleman's, the coaches are volunteers and the referees are local youths working for community service hours. The program is designed for students attending St. Coleman School and parishioners at St. Coleman Church.

"We have also allowed

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## St. Coleman

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some of the youths we know from around here," says Joe Cerquozzi, the program's soccer chairman. "The program was originally started to give an opportunity to kids who didn't win a spot on the school team. They have to have somewhere to play. We don't turn anyone away."

Cerquozzi says the program gives the church community the opportunity to integrate the church's values and teachings into the program. The tone and tempo is relaxed and friendly. There is no win-at-all costs attitude, and Cerquozzi says as long as

he's in charge of the program, there never will be.

As soon as soccer ends, excitement begins rising for basketball. Tony Di Pierro handles that program. Neither of the programs are budget-busters, though.

"It's \$40 if paid in advance, \$45 at the first practice," Cerquozzi said. "That's not going to make anyone go broke. The fee covers a shirt, socks and an end-of-the-season medallion."

Another big reason for the program's success is its beneficiary, the school's athletic program. Registration for the fall soccer program has begun online at [www.stcmc.com](http://www.stcmc.com), or for

questions, email Cerquozzi at [jcc3040@bellsouth.net](mailto:jcc3040@bellsouth.net).

## Fishing tournament a success

**Pompano Beach** - The St. Coleman's Men's Club's 11th annual Walk on Water Fishing Tournament, was June 30 and featured plenty of tight lines and nice catches.

The tournament drew 47 boat entries, of which 15 made catches in the eligible species which are blackfin tuna, dolphin, wahoo, kingfish and cobia. Taking top honors was O-Sea-D, which caught 149 pounds of fish and earned \$1,500. In second was Sea Gold, with an 81-pound catch,

and Reel Music, with 70.2 pounds.

The biggest winners were the athletes of the Broward County Special Olympics, who received a check for \$3,000 of the proceeds.

## New organization, face lift breathes life back into Mickel Field

**Wilton Manors** - Mickel Field is an historic place. Los Angeles Angels hurler Scot Shields and Kansas City Royals first baseman and Ryan Shealy got their starts

on the diamond there. Shields went on to Fort Lauderdale High and Lincoln Memorial University. Shealy went on to Cardinal Gibbons and the University of Florida before entering professional baseball.

The Wilton Manors Little League earned its first charter in 1955 and won the state championship in 1961, but as the city entered the new millennium, demographics in the Island City changed and interest in Little League waned.

"In 2008, they didn't have enough kids and sort of lost interest," said Dave McLeod, president of Northeast Little League. Now, baseball is back in Wilton Manors and historic Mickel Field again hums with activity. Northeast Little League, which received its first charter in 1954 opened an umbrella for local communities not served by Little League.

"We combined the boundaries," McLeod. "We expanded into Wilton Manors and north into Pompano Beach."

On July 16, about 30 volunteers, many of them youth who will play in the

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# Sports

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program, showed up at Mickel Field to give it a thorough cleaning and a face lift.

"The field sat for a few years because it hadn't been used for baseball," McLeod said. The volunteers cleaned the park, diamonds, field space, parking lots and even the concession stand. Equipment that was unusable was re-purposed.

"We donated a lot of old things to Project Baseball," McLeod said. Project Baseball helps repurpose and reuse baseball equipment for programs that need it.

Now Northeast Little League is preparing for a first – spring ball, the chance to give youths ages 7-18 who don't play other sports

during the off-season the chance to continue building their baseball skills. While spring ball is a staple in many communities, it's never been played by the Northeast Little League, McLeod says.

To make the spring season successful, McLeod continues taking registrations for players and also is looking for volunteer coaches, umpires and sponsors.

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## Sharks fall short at nationals

**Deerfield Beach** - The Sharks, girls 10-and-under, state champion softball team fell one goal short for 2011. The Sharks blew through pool play at the United States Specialty Sports Nationals in Orlando, and advanced to bracket play, first beating the Blazers2000, from Jackson,

Ohio, and winning 17-0. In the next round, they fell 2-0 to the Blazers2000 from Port Orange, Fla. "We played one of our better defensive game of the year there, but worst games offensively," said Sharks Manager Karla

Antonio.

In the loser's bracket, the Sharks opened against the Downer's Grove (Ill.) Outlaws, who they brushed off easily 11-6. The Texas state champions, Fort Worth Bat Busters, knocked them

out of the tournament with a disheartening 8-7 defeat. The Sharks had been three outs away from victory, but struggled through an error-filled final inning.

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Mautner, who is a seasoned executive in this field, was asked how these Inns differ from other rental assisted living residences.

She replied, " We do all of the services one expects. The difference is in the exceptionally caring staff. We're intimate residences with a capacity of 33 in Lighthouse Inn South and 43 in Lighthouse Inn North. We're small enough to give personal attention.

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Ivan Lozada has lived at Lighthouse Inn South for four years. "I like the staff. They

take good care of my room and me. The food is good and always fresh. Ribs, chicken and meat loaf are my favorites. They bake the cakes and pies right here too, but butter pecan ice cream is still my favorite. I often walk the beach with my friends and I like bingo."

Cindy Ryan, thinks these Inns as life savers. "My dad lived at Lighthouse Inn, North for six years. I was impressed with the quality of care he received. When my husband needed assisted living, I moved them both to the South Inn. And I, unexpectedly ended up here too. They are very good to us. My husband needs constant attention and it is provided by willing and pleasant staff."

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# Sports

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“They had a kind of a meltdown; it was ugly. They had high hopes and were pretty disheartened after it was all over,” Antonio said. “But we talked to them afterward and told them to remember they had won 15 of the 18 tournaments they had played in. That’s unheard of down here, where the quality of play is so good.”

The Sharks will return next

season as an under-11 team, a newly created division in USSA competition.

## Pompano Beach Hammerheads medal at Nationals

**Pompano Beach** - Several teams from the Pompano Beach Football Club Hammerheads returned from the Challenge Sports national championships with medals. One set of those medals was gold.

Seven teams competed in

the Challenge Sports National Tournament at the ESPN/ Disney Sports Complex in Kissimmee.

The under-16s and under-18 recreational teams were placed in a combined division and the under-18 team of Matthew Elder, Matthew Weingard, Travis Bejlovec, Lee Herrera, Fletcher Bentley and Victor Mondragon went undefeated throughout the tournament and beat St. John’s 7-2 in the championship for a national title in the 17 to 19 division. The under 16s finished third.

Among the other competing teams: The boys under-11 team finished in fifth place.

The under-12 team finished fourth. The under-13s finished third in pool play, but out of the medals. The under-14s girls finished second overall, losing 2-0 to the LC Sharks in the final and the men’s over-30s team finished third, losing 3-2 to Flati Antiquus.

## LHP resident competing in Czech Republic

**Lighthouse Point** - Julia O’Laughlin has racked up some frequent-flier miles in her life, and this week is no exception.

From Aug. 1 to 6, O’Laughlin is part of the U.S. women’s delegation to the World Junior Tennis Competition Finals, at

Prostejov, Czech Republic. The event features 32 six-member national teams composed of 14-and-under players from 25 nations. Last year, the U.S. girls’ team won its fourth consecutive title. The boys won the championship in 2008. Other nations included Argentina, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Morocco and South Korea.

O’Loughlin, 14, born in Kentucky, spent eight years in Colorado before moving to Florida. She is the No. 2 player in the USTA Girls’ 14s national standings, and trains full-time at the USTA Training Center in Boca Raton.



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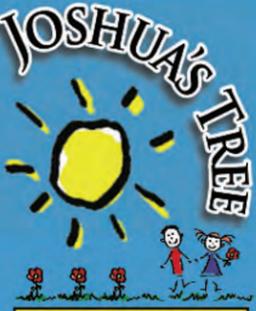
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**Aug. 24 at 7 p.m.** Youth Football, ages 10 to 13 at Dan Witt Park  
**Aug. 27 at 11 a.m.** - Instructional Jr. Soccer, Ages 10 to 15 at Frank McDonough Park  
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