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Commission deadlocks on giving three percent raises to employees

By Judy Wilson

Pelican staff

Hillsboro Beach –It will take the fifth commissioner to decide whether or not the town’s non-uniformed employees get a cost of living raise.

This week, commissioners voted 2-2 on a proposal urged by former mayor, Carmen McGarry, that the office staff, water plant employees and a maintenance person, get the same three percent raise the police officers are receiving.

“This is the first time raises have not been across the board,” McGarry said. “If I were an employee and did not get the raise others got, my incentive to do a good job would be gone,” she said.

Raises for police personnel came about through contract negotiations with the union. The three-year contracts calls for a three percent raise each year.

McGarry’s comments drew support from Mayor Dan Dodge and Commissioner Claire Schubert. Commissioner Rhea Weiss sided with Commissioner Javiar Garcia and said she wanted the

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Pardon me, Mr. Mayor

Mayor Lamar Fisher invited Cristina Gibson, an eighth grade student at Pompano Beach Middle School to participate in the Mayor’s State of the City address, held this week at Galuppi’s Restaurant, sponsored by the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce. Gibson, a member of the National Junior Honor Society, asked the mayor about the impact of charter schools. [Staff photo]

Pompano Beach eases turtle lighting rules along the beaches

By Aleese Kopf

Pelican writer

South Florida residents are about to start the last month of the sea turtle nesting season, but concerns about next year’s start of the season, May 1, are already on the minds of environmentalists.

Experts say that as baby sea turtles begin to hatch they instinctively travel toward the brightest horizon. The moon reflecting off the ocean should be their guide, but sometimes bonfires, street lamps and condo lights can be just as bright. So, while Florida

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It’s not official, but RUT petition drive falls short

By Judy Wilson

Pelican staff

Deerfield Beach – “It’s not the prescribed format,” Supervisor of Elections Public Service Director Mary Cooney said of Deerfield’s code that requires petition signers to include their precinct numbers on the documents. “No other city requires this.”

The regulation in Section 7 of the city code proved to be an enormous stumbling block for supporters of the Rescind the Utility Tax movement. Of the 5,614 petitions checked by

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City throws out request for detox center

Neighbors win the battle; maybe not the war

By Judy Wilson

Pelican staff

Deerfield Beach – Neighbors of a proposed detox center at 504 S. Federal Highway are relieved that city officials have ruled the center is not permissible within its zoning category, but Sherief Abu-Mustafa, owner of the property, says “I do not believe they (the city) did the right thing. I bought a building with the intention of putting in a detox center and my application was approved. The city will be held accountable.”

Mustafa’s property backs up to a residential neighborhood. One of his neighbors, Gretchen Thomas, organized a large protest back in April and took it to the planning and zoning board. There, the detox site plan was

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It's all about fresh looks, money and a future economy

By Aleese Kopf

Pelican writer

Pompano Beach - Residents will see more cranes, taste more dust and complain about noise as renovation in the east and west parts of town get into high gear.

This month the Community Redevelopment Agency, or CRA, board approved a five-year budget plans for its East and West CRA districts.

The CRA board is composed of city commissioners acting on behalf of the city's CRA. The board's executive directors are Kim Briesemeister and Chris Brown.

About \$50 million, according to Briesemeister, will be put to use in the West CRA during the next five years, more than double that of the East District at about \$19 mil-

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Classy Approach to the Beach - East Atlantic Boulevard's facelift gets the final touches before its grand opening event that took place this week. Street parking, palm trees and new lighting add character to the eastern end of Atlantic Boulevard.

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Lauderdale-By-The-Sea passes budget with no millage increase, designates money for four capital projects

Judy Vik

Pelican Staff

LBTS – Town commissioners kept the millage rate at 3.999 for the fifth consecutive year during their special public hearing Monday when they approved the \$17.4 million operating budget.

At the 3.999 mills, 46 percent of property owners will see an average decrease in their town taxes of \$116. 52 percent will see an increase of \$57. That results in a net reduction to the town of about \$154,000.

Town Manager Connie Hoffmann told commissioners

that since 2008, tax collections have dropped from \$9.1 million to \$6.6 million because of declines in property values.

The general fund next year is \$9.9 million, a \$200,000 decline from this year.

The fire fund is \$1.2 million, an increase of \$171,000 to purchase a fire truck. The annual residential fire assessment was kept at \$130.

The sewer fund is \$1.1 million, a decrease of

\$218,000. Sea Ranch condos are now being directly billed by Pompano Beach. No increases in rates are proposed next year. Hoffmann said the town will have funds to start making repairs “to our elderly sewage system.”

The parking fund is \$1.1 million next year, up \$325,000. Funds will be available to make parking improvements and pay down the parking debt. Parking rates

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Stretch of Dixie Highway closing for three months

Deerfield Beach – Dixie Highway between Hillsboro Boulevard and NE 2 Street will be closed for three months to allow construction of the south approach to the flyover. That section is expected to reopen early in January.

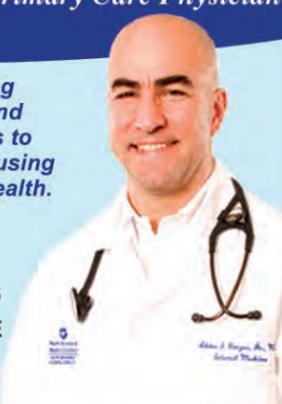
This week, through Sept. 30, the bridge across the Hillsboro Canal has been closed and traffic is being detoured to US 1.

The Dixie Highway Flyover is a \$35.9 million project funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2012.

Fishing curtailed at the pier

Deerfield Beach – Hours of operation are being reduced at two city facilities. The International Fishing Pier will be closed Monday through Thursday, midnight to 6 a.m.

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Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce plans a spaghetti dinner from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Jarvis Hall 4501 Ocean Drive. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. Dance to the music of Aram Kasabian. Call 954-776-1000.

Beach cleanup set for tomorrow

LBTS – A monthly beach clean-up is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. Participants will meet at the pavilion at Commercial Boulevard and the beach.

Helpers will be provided with gloves, bags and water. The event is sponsored by Rich Barnhart of By The Sea Realty. Call 954-776-1000.

Saddle up in Pompano

Pompano Beach Pony Rides - Saturday, Oct. 15 morning pony rides at Sand & Spurs Equestrian Park. 1600 NE 5 Ave. Public welcome. Free Admission. \$3 per ride. Call 954-786-4507.

Drop the drugs and shred the evidence

BSO Operation Medicine Cabinet and Shred-A-thon takes place Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church 3331 NE 10 Terrace, Pompano Beach. Participants can dispose of old prescription medicines and shred away identity theft by disposing of personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other material that might contain sensitive data. This service is free of charge.

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clerks at the elections office, only 2,894 could be certified according to Rooney. Needed was around 4,200, or 10 percent of the voters registered here in the last regular election.

Cooney said while the petitions were rejected for several reasons, the most common fault was missing or incorrect precinct numbers. Some signers were not registered voters at all.

The committee turned in 6,200 signatures, but eliminated immediately were 340 obtained by an unauthorized collector and others because the number of signees was not recorded at the bottom of the page. "I blame myself

for that," said petition drive co-chair Jean Robb. "I should have checked the bottom line."

Robb disputes the city's stance that the precincts have to be verified. The code says only that the precincts have to be included with the name and address of the registered voter. Nothing in the code specifically requires the precincts be verified she said.

Because most signers had no idea in which precinct they voted, Robb says she and her volunteers put in many precinct numbers using maps provided by the city that were very difficult to read. "The precinct borders on the maps are almost undistinguishable," she said.

Now she is waiting an official verification from the registrar's office to see how

many more petitions are needed to force the commission to either rescind the tax or let the voters decide the issue. If they are enough petition with missing precinct numbers to change the outcome, Robb says she will pursue her mission.

The code gives her three days after official notification to decide whether to amend the petitions and then 15 days to get the work done.

Cooney, however, is using a different time clock. She believes Robb has only until Friday (today) to state her intentions.

At budget hearings earlier this month, Robb and her supporters urged commissioners to rescind the 10 percent tax on utilities they approved in June. The commission took no further action on the matter and the tax goes into effect Saturday, October 1.

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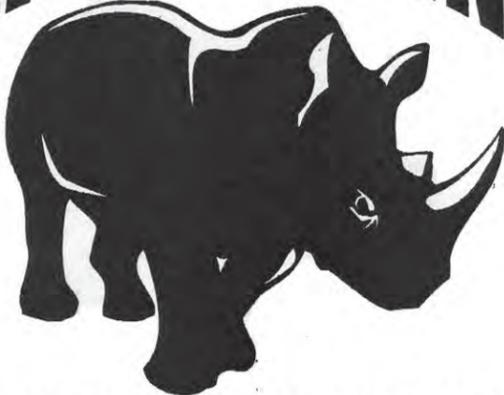
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Fresh Looks

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lion.

In addition to more money, the West District also requires more time. Says Briesemeister, the CRA engineer spends about 80 percent of his time in the northwest area and 20 percent in the east.

The West District is a substantially larger district, comprised of 3,000 acres, with more underlying prob-

lems and more technical and code-related issues to address. This area includes much of the area west of Dixie Highway and parts of West Atlantic Boulevard

The East CRA is comprised of the beach area and East Atlantic Boulevard from the ocean to Northwest 18 Avenue. The East CRA is 158 acres.

Some of the projects planned for the West District next year include improve-

ments to Northwest Sixth Avenue, MLK Boulevard and Downtown Pompano. The CRA also has plans for creating a civic campus, community garden and educational corridor.

The civic campus, part of the West CRA, consists of property adjacent to city hall where a regional library has been proposed. Other development on the eight-acre lot is yet to be determined, but a cultural center, educational classes and other parcels are under discussion.

Downtown Pompano consists of MLK Boulevard from Dixie Highway to the Ronald

Reagan Turnpike.

The educational corridor focuses on connecting Blanche Ely Boulevard where the high school of the same name is located with MLK Boulevard. Special paving, lighting and traffic enhancements will make crossing MLK Boulevard to Flagler and then to the civic campus a safe and natural route.

Residents and business owners have already seen new life at the eastern end of Atlantic Boulevard with a final streetscape between A1A and Ocean Boulevard. Lanes have been removed, street parking increased, sidewalks widened

for outside dining and landscape planted on the median.

West of the Atlantic Bridge, some restaurants have reopened their doors after renovating their interiors and facades. Business owners participating in the East CRA have received matching funds from the CRA to improve the look, access and delivery of their products.

"All of these funds are TIF, or Tax Increment Funding, collected over time from the property owners in the specific CRA areas," says Brown. "We want to attract new business to these areas. We want consumers to feel safe. That's why wider sidewalks, lighting and landscaping are important. What we do has to be good for the consumer."

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My aunt, Sue Beall, is the very capable administrator of both residences and Suzi Mautner is our director of marketing. These two people are my life savers."

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

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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."

These two residences allow small pets. Mautner says, "if the resident can care for them.

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Anne Siren, publisher

Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year: 5772

By Rabbi David Hartley Mark

The Jewish Center at Temple Sholom Pompano Beach

Last Wednesday evening, while the rest of South Florida strolled on the beach, watched TV, or wended their weary ways homeward, the Jewish Community attended temple.

Sundown began the High Holy Days, the Days of Awe, the beginning of the Jewish New Year, 5,772 years since the creation of the universe. (The rabbis of old who created our Hebrew calendar did not know about dinosaurs or carbon dating.)

There are many New Year's customs—wearing a new garment, dipping apple slices in honey for a sweet year, eating the special challah, or rich egg-bread, which is in the shape of a crown, or spiral, to remind us either of God's sovereignty, or the cycle of time—but chief among them is the blowing of the shofar, or ram's horn. It is sounded in three different tones, to mimic a person crying over their sins, because that is the central focus of this holy time: repentance, or examining one's deeds, and resolving to do better. We spend hours in temple, asking God to forgive our trespasses against Him; but we must also seek out those whom we have wronged, and humbly ask their forgiveness.

There is the old tale of the Chasidic rebbe, Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev (1740-1809), who loved to ask the common folk about their thoughts during the High Holy Days. He approached Chaim, a humble tailor, and asked him how he was planning to speak to God that Rosh Hashana.

"Oy, Rebbe," answered Chaim, "I have committed any manner of sins. Once, I deliberately cut a rich man's pants a little bit too short, so that I would have more cloth left over to patch my own children's ragged garments. And another time, when I had very little money, I was forced to eat food which was not exactly kosher. But look, God—" he gestured emphatically toward the heavens—"Look at Your own sins! You create floods, fires, and famines, and cause parents to lose their precious children, and you allow nations to go to war, so that many men die—I ask You, are my sins anything compared to Yours?"

"Chaim," said the rabbi, "You let God off too easily. You could have easily forced the Almighty to forgive, not only the sins of the Jewish people, but those of the entire world!"

As we conclude this past year, there are many areas of suffering, and far more of misunderstanding and hatred, among the various countries. May 5772 proves to be a year in which the great and small nations of the world, like the lion and lamb in the Book of Isaiah, truly lie down in peace with one another. Amen!

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Correction/clarification

Wilton Manors property not PUD, zoning is community facility, or CF

An article in the September 23, 2011 edition of the Pompano Pelican titled "ENA leader wants to revoke PUD on church property" has some erroneous information contained within.

The article states the property at 1550 NE 26 Street is currently zoned PUD. It goes on to say that this zoning is a "change the city made more than a year ago when another company, G Resorts, attempted and failed to buy the land for a gay-friendly hotel and resort".

The property at 1550 NE 26 Street is zoned as Community Facility (CF) – which is consistent with its current use as a house of worship. This is highlighted by a black arrow on the attached map.

Neither in the past, nor currently, has this department received an application to rezone the property. In recent months staff has met with the current potential buyer about its future application, however, the city not received an application as of yet.

As of today there are only two active PUD zoning districts in the City of Wilton Manors. The Wilton Station PUD is complete.

The Azul Project (aka "Suntrust Property") is partially complete and has an expiration date of October 2012. Please note that the Azul Project includes a total of five (5) parcels under the PUD zoning. There is an additional PUD district located at 1008 NE 23 Drive. However that approval has expired.

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Making a Difference



Phyllis J. Neuberger wants your suggestions about people who are making a difference. Call 954-783-8700.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger
Pelican staff

Last year Ted Smith, now marketing director for Toyota of Deerfield Beach at 1441 S. Federal Hwy., thought up a creative way to show his dealer's support for fundraisers to help cure cancer.

He wrapped a Lexus in pink and made it available to a variety of organizations who were staging cure cancer events. "This October, which is Cure for Cancer month, we're wrapping a van in pink and we're pitching in even more by selling up to 20 logos to put on the van.

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Toyota of Deerfield Beach wraps one of its vans in pink and makes it available to use for fund raising events to raise money for cancer research. Each logo on the van represents an additional \$300 donated to this worthy cause.

will go to this worthy cause," he explains.

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Smith sits back in his chair and talks about the success of his idea last year. "I had no idea how popular our pink vehicle would be," he says. "My phone rang off the hook as people heading up a variety of walks and money raising events for the cure

asked to borrow the car. Two sisters drove it over to a mall, parked it and began to collect. Their mother had died of breast cancer and they wanted to help fund the research for a cure. They were stunned at the number of people who took their own photos standing in front of the car. They raised over \$1,000 in an afternoon and they gave our car a lot of publicity. From then on, everyone wanted our car on hand to call attention to their event. We're happy to oblige. We want to raise even more than the \$8,000 we raised last year. Our goal is \$10,000 and I feel that amount is a reachable goal. Our employees will help to

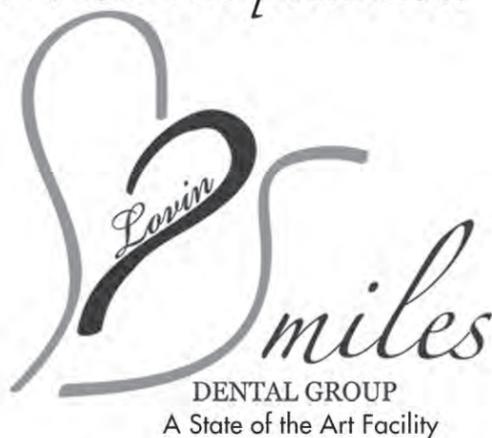
meet the challenge." This dealership has a new owner, Van Tugl Corp. that is based in Phoenix, Arizona and has 80 plus dealerships. Smith, formerly with Lexus of Pembroke Pines, says the new owner of this dealership is very community minded and likes to support community events. He lists a few examples of this attitude. Toyota recently held an executive gala for over 200 area business people because the company wanted to meet them and explain its philosophy of support. Smith says the catered dinner, entertainment and local speakers made

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Jennifer Collins, owner of A Rainbow Crossing is shown with the contents of her condolence gift, which is a bag containing a paw print of the deceased pet, a memorial candle, forget-me-not seeds to plant in the pet's honor and a condolence card.

by Phyllis J. Neuberger

Pelican staff

Jennifer Collins, owner of A Rainbow Crossing cares about pets and their owners who grieve at their passing so much so that she has a business to take care of their needs.

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help with cremation and after life care.

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And she has countless thank you letters and testimonials to prove it.

Kathleen Scott, who mothers many animals, says, "I will be indebted to Jen for life. She is so compassionate. I have had terrible experiences in high volume pet crematories where everything seems uncaring and impersonal and to me, almost inhumane. I had heard about Rainbow Crossing, so when Flannigan, my cat, passed, I called her. Jennifer was so genuine. She treated Flannigan as if he were hers. I knew I could leave Flannigan in her care and pick up his remains the

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Board approves Welcome Center funding, but wants audited figures

By Judy Vik

Pelican Staff

LBTS – Commissioners unanimously approved an agreement with the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce to provide \$38,861 to fund staffing for a Visitor and Welcome Center.

But Commissioner Scot Sasser added a clause that the town provide no funds next year “until we receive audited financials on how much it costs to run the center.”

Another part of the agreement bothered Paul Novak, a chamber board member and past president.

The chamber also gets funding from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Center to offset labor costs at the welcome center. Last year that donation was \$10,000.

He asked the commission to remove a clause in the agreement that calls for the amount of funding the Welcome Center gets from the town be reduced by the amount of funds donated by other government agencies to offset labor costs.

This year the county donated \$10,000 to the Welcome Center, and the funds went to help subsidize the Visitor’s Guide promotional booklet. Those funds did not have to be returned to the town.

“We’re trying to keep a good liaison with Fort Lauderdale,” Novak said. He said chamber leaders recently had a good meeting with Nicki Grossman, director of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau and with County Commissioner Chip LaMarca. The mayor and town manager

attended.

“We’re the only organization that promotes the town,” Novak said. “Requiring that any additional donated funds be returned to the town (takes away any incentive) for us to go to Chip and ask for money,” he said. “Why would the town want to take that money and use it elsewhere?”

The city’s funding will pay to staff the Welcome Center, Novak said. The funds go to pay two employees, one full-time and one part-time.

Under terms of the agreement, the Welcome Center is open and staffed no less than six days a week and seven hours a day in June, July and August and no less than seven days a week the other months.

The Welcome Center and chamber share the same building at 4201 Ocean Drive. The chamber absorbs the costs

for the telephone and office supplies.

The agreement calls for the chamber to respond to inquiries on lodging, restaurants, businesses, recreational opportunities and events in town.

The chamber is to submit a monthly report to the town on the number of inquiries, walk-in visitors and the number of attendees at chamber-sponsored events.

Resident Bill Vitollo suggested the commission ask the town manager to come up with what it actually costs to run the Welcome Center.

“Do we want the Welcome Center or not?” he asked. “If they’re doing us a favor (by running it), say thank you and give them the money for it.”

Ben Freeney said the request for funds would be more convincing if the chamber president and director were at

the commission meeting.

Arthur Franczak, a resident and business owner, said the chamber was looking for money in the wrong place. He said they should look for funds from chamber members, not from the town. He said the chamber should ask businesses if they’re satisfied with what they’re doing. And he questioned why the chamber recruited businesses from out of town as members.

Chamber volunteer Ron Piersante said there was no way the Welcome Center could operate for \$38,000. The Center staff delivers thousands of Visitor’s Guides and makes recommendations on where visitors should stay and eat. Connie Hoffmann, town manager, noted that the clause Novak wanted removed from

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the agreement referred only to funds for paid salaries and the Welcome Center operation, not to help fund the Visitor's Guide.

"Could the town run the Welcome Center for this price?" Absolutely not," Hoffmann said, referring to the \$38,861. It would be far more expensive."

Mayor Roseann Minnet said she agreed there should be a stronger presence from the chamber at the meeting. "We have asked that someone from the chamber come every month and give a report. I had hoped the chamber would be a stronger marketing arm," she said.

"We have asked for a monthly report from the chamber executive director," Commissioner Birute Ann Clotney agreed. "Maybe Judy (Swaggerty, executive director) could come once a

month." "You did ask. I guess we have failed you in that direction," Novak said.

Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd said the clause on donations and when funds must be returned is too vague. "It needs to be clear, if they get a donation what it's for. The onus should be on them to get donations."

"There's a loophole in the contract, and they're taking advantage of it," Commissioner Scot Sasser said. He suggested removing the clause on returning donated funds and moving on.

Clotney said they needed to give the chamber incentive to go out and get funding. She suggested half the donated funds go to the chamber and half to the town. "Let's reach a compromise and relieve the burden on the taxpayer."

Dodd said the commission needs to know the realistic costs of what it takes to run the center. "Give us the right

figure instead of \$38,000." Minnet said it was the 'nth' hour, and the funds were included in the upcoming budget. She favored approving the resolution as it stood.

Sasser moved to pass the resolution "with the worthless Section 3.5 (on returning donated funds) but with no money for next year until we receive audited financials on how much it costs to run the center."

During a break in the meeting, a frustrated Novak said they asked for and got the costs last year. "If they don't want to spend \$38,000, we'll close it," he said. "Every year we go through the same thing."

Deadlock

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employees evaluated before giving raises.

"This will be brought up again when we have five commissioners," Schubert said. "We have the funds."

McGarry estimated the cost of giving the general employees raises at \$14,200 for the year.

The town will realize a savings in its insurance premiums this year and expects its expenses for fire/rescue services to be less than anticipated due to Deerfield merging its fire department

with the Broward Sheriff's Office, reportedly for a considerable savings.

The police department budget for 2011-12, despite the raises, came in two percent less than the current year.

The fifth seat may be filled Tuesday, October 4 when the commission meets again.

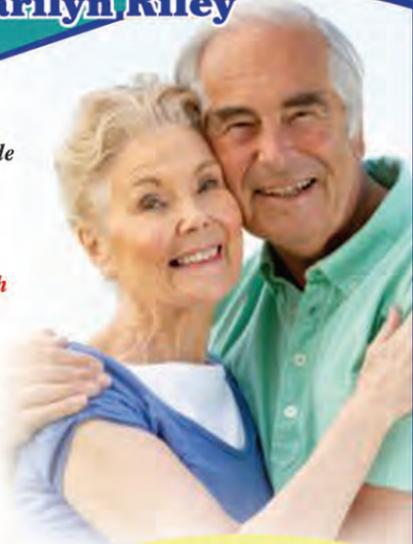
Two residents, Deborah Alfaro and Anthony Micelli, were interviewed at the last commission meeting.

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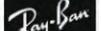
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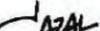
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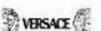
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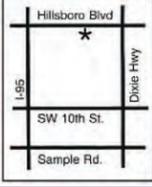
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- Chance of survival:** about one in 1,000
- Source:** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

the event a big success. The Vice President and Branch Manager of Bank United, Dave Mirantz had this to say about the event. "There's an axiom about timing being everything in life. I'm not sure it's true, but Ted Smith of Deerfield Beach Toyota couldn't have found a better time to bring members of the community, the chamber and the city commission under one roof for the sole

purpose of rallying all parties to celebrate the things we can accomplish by working together. Hurray for Ted and his positive message. A good time was had by all."

On Sept. 17 and 18, the dealership invited the community to Operation Kidsafe. Parents lined up with their children for pictures and fingerprints using specialized digital free video software. A free print out was given to the parents to keep in a safe place in case there is a need to provide the information to law enforcement anywhere

in the world for instantly aid and investigation.

Smith says, "After hearing that 2,000 children are missing every day in the United States, we thought this was the kind of community service we like to be involved in. We also had a Petting Zoo and video games on hand to entertain the children. It was a successful event and the parents were all grateful for this free opportunity."

In October, Toyota of Deerfield Beach plans to have a Job Fair. "We're hoping to help those seeking jobs in

this area to find one in time for the holidays," Smith says. "Late this year we're starting to build a new home for our dealership right next to where we are. The contractor chosen will be hiring and that's good news for job seekers in the neighborhood."

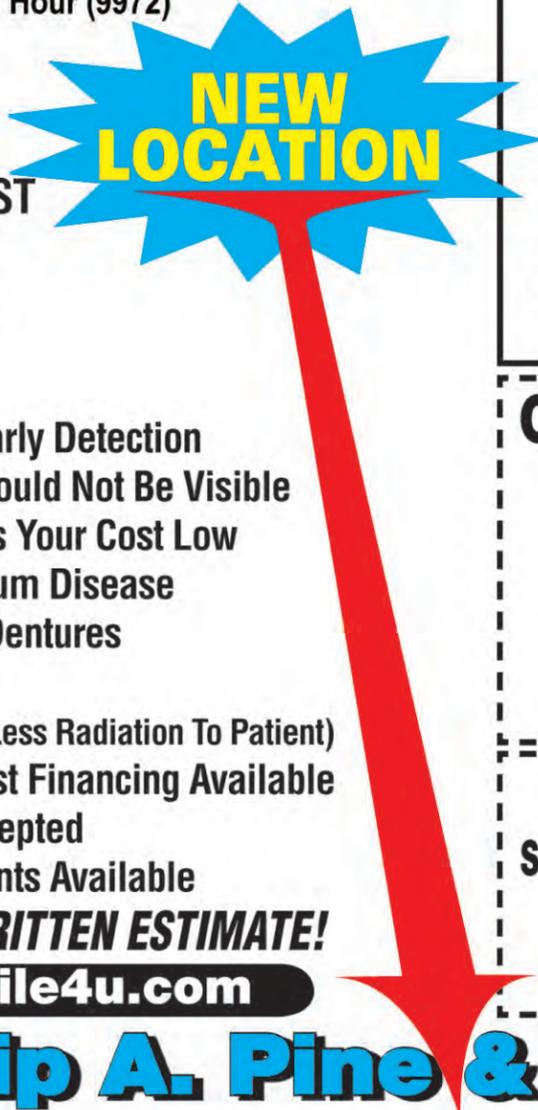
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Deerfield Beach – Motorists will find certain local streets closed on Sunday, October 3 for the 16th Annual Reagan Wireless Dunn's Run which attracts upwards of 1,700 participants.

Closed 7 to 10 a.m. will be US 1 from SE 15 Street to Hillsboro Boulevard, Hillsboro Boulevard from US 1 to the ocean, Ocean Way from Hillsboro Boulevard to SE 3 Street, the intersection of Hillsboro Boulevard and A1A to north/south traffic. The Intracoastal Waterway Bridge will be in lock-down position.

East/west lanes of US 1 will be open when the last participants pass by.

Beachgoers should be aware parking at the main beach parking lot will be very limited due to this event.

Proceeds from the run benefit the Jim and Jan Moran Unit of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County. To register to run or walk the 5K, go online to www2.dunnrun.com.

Ceremony tonight marks new era in fire/rescue service

Broward Sheriff Al Lamberti checks in on Deerfield Beach firefighters training on new breathing apparatus during the fire-rescue transition. On Oct. 1, Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue will begin providing fire rescue services to Deerfield Beach and Hillsboro Beach. Sheriff Lamberti will swear-in all of the firefighters at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 at the Century Village Le Club Activity Center. [Photo courtesy of Mike Jachles/Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue]



By Judy Wilson

Pelican staff

Deerfield Beach – Deerfield Beach fire/rescue personnel become employees of Broward County tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 1 at 8 a.m. but according to Sheriff Al Lamberti the only outward change

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Lighthouse Point Chamber

Lighthouse Point Chamber members met at The Pointe last month for a social evening hosted by Executive Sweets & Gifts. But the chatter has already started about the upcoming Taste of Lighthouse Point set for Jan. 17 at the Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club where restaurateurs offer their finest samples to the community. For chamber information, visit lhpchamber.com.



Realtor Bea Brown, Food for the Poor's Mary Griffin and local dentist Dr. Brian Rask. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]



Chamber President Lucille Pignataro and Lighthouse Point Magazine's Jon Frangipane at the September 20th LHP Chamber of Commerce social.



Bookended by Realtors René Sabatini and Steve Kahn, event hosts Sharon and Barry Vinig of Executive Sweets & Gifts Inc are happy to welcome LHP Chamber members to the September networking social.



Gail Bamman of the Lighthouse Point Curves and Lynn Smith of Bateman, Gordon & Sands, Inc.



Pink Slip Threads Karen Reinstatler with raffle winner Billy Grimes of Bank United Investment Services.



Muscle & Wrench Fitness Equipment Service's Janie Baugh and insurance specialist Cletus Kilker enjoy the festivities at the monthly get-together.

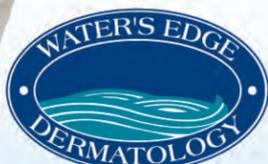
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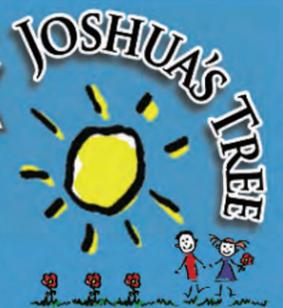


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Fort Lauderdale's Coco Asian Bistro serves up palate-pleasing Thai specialties

By **Malcolm McClintock**
PELICAN WRITER

"We serve upscale Asian fusion cuisine," says Mike Ponluang, the exceedingly amiable owner of Fort Lauderdale's Coco Asian Bistro & Bar. Originally from Thailand, this chef honed his skills in such places as Vietnam and England before finally settling in South Florida in the early 80's.

"Coco Asian is actually my fourth restaurant and has been in operation for about six years now. I recently opened another one – MaMa Asian Noodle – in Coconut Creek," adds Ponluang.

Located just off 17th St. Causeway in the Harbor Shops plaza, this culinary oasis has a loyal following of Thai food lovers and sushi aficionados.

The appetizer section contains such novel inventions as samosas with peanut sauce, ginger octopus ceviche, Thai beef sirloin strip steak, fried calamari with sweet chili sauce and Kobe sirloin patties with Swiss cheese and Korean Kimchee.

On the entrée front, the "reinvented classics" theme continues as the menu reveals a host of intriguing options. Meat enthusiasts will enjoy Teriyaki NY Steak, Crispy Duck with mango sauce, Vietnamese style Kurobuta Pork Chops, Grilled Rack of Lamb with lemongrass chili sauce or the 14-oz. soy-marinated Del Monico with spicy-sweet rice dipping sauce.

"Our regular customers and even many celebrities come again and again for our delicious food, especially popular items like the Kobe beef. We will soon be introducing our Kobe beef in hot lava stone. I know people will enjoy it very much," says the soft-spoken Ponluang.

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in favorites such as Broiled Grouper in Suchee curry cream, Pan-fried Almond Snapper with shrimp tempura and micro greens, Seared Ahi Tuna with green mango curry and the outstanding Sea Bass Curry with asparagus, mushroom and pineapple.

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[Top] A Coco Asian classic: the mouthwatering Red Curry Chicken with bamboo, bell peppers, sweet peas, zucchini and basil.

[Left] Jumpstart any meal with the eye-popping Sushi Starter featuring freshly delivered Tasmanian salmon and Hawaiian tuna over ice with pickled ginger, lime wedge and homemade wasabi.



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Coco Asian

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 of our fish is flown in every other day from Hawaii and Japan. Our salmon actually comes from Tasmania,

Australia. Although it costs us more to buy these superior ingredients, we know our customers will appreciate the great quality," says the affable restaurateur.

When it comes to sashimi (raw fish morsels), most

restaurants offer up wafer thin slices. But at Coco Asian, plates such as the beautifully presented Sushi Starter deliver enormous 1/2 inch thick slabs of melt-in-your-mouth salmon and tuna – a real treat for fish lovers.

Other favorites include sushi rolls such as the California with crab and avocado or the Dragon roll with shrimp tempura and asparagus.

With an award-winning wine list, domestic and imported beers and a fully stocked bar, Coco Asian is an ideal spot to drop by during the daily 4 to 7 p.m. Happy Hour for half-price drinks and inexpensive appetizers.

In addition, on Thursday nights after 7 p.m., ladies drink free with the purchase of a starter or entrée. "We are always packed on that night," says bartender Eugene. "Our customers also really enjoy the live music we offer from Thursday to Saturday."

Before wrapping up a meal, be sure to try an enticing dessert such as tempura ice cream or lemon grass crème brûlée.

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will go up 25 cents Oct. 1 at oceanfront spaces at El Prado and A1A.

Funding for capital projects will increase from \$1.8 million to \$4.3 million. About \$600,000 of that amount is for a State Road A1A streetscape project set to begin in the next week or two. Two-thirds of the \$600,000 cost will be reimbursed by the state.

Other capital expenditures are for drainage improvements on Bougainvillea north of Town Hall and on Flamingo Avenue, drainage and streetscape on Commercial from A1A to the beach, and for construction on Commercial Boulevard from Seagrape west to the Intracoastal Bridge.

Many of these improvement projects have been planned since 2004 but weren't done. The town has the funds, and Hoffmann said bids are coming in under estimates.

Dodd, who voted against the adopted millage rate, proposed lowering it to 3.88. He said that would allow taxes to stay the same for those with homesteaded properties.

Clotey also said the rate should be lower in these uncertain times and also voted 'no.' She urged the town to aggressively seek grants.

Mayor Roseann Minnet said cutting the tax rate at the last minute would put some of the capital improvement projects at risk.

Commissioner Scot Sasser reminded the commissioners that they all voted for the improvement projects. "We worked hard to put this CIP plan in place with no loans or bonds," he said, urging them to keep the millage the same and move forward.

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Art

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Auditions

Got Talent? Auditions for the South Florida's Kids Got Talent competition take place Oct. 1 at the South Florida Tri-Rail Station, 800 NW 33 St., Pompano

Detox

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rejected, 4-0.

Next Tuesday, that plan was scheduled to come before the city commission and Thomas was gearing up again. "We have solicited support all across the entire Cove," she said. "Now I am feeling very fortunate that the city listens. Perhaps in our research, some things came to light that helped. All I can say now is, 'Yeah for our city.'"

The battle was won administratively. The proposed detox center is within 1000 feet of other drug rehab properties, namely Deerfield Florida House and Sunlight Recovery, both owned by Mustafa.

His six other substance abuse treatment centers located at 505 S. Federal Highway,

809 SE 5 court and 475 S. Federal Highway are licensed by the Department of Children and Families for residential substance abuse services or intensive outpatient treatment day or night. The furthest is 420 feet from Mustafa's proposed 24-bed detox facility.

In his letter to Mustafa's attorney Scott Backman, planning and growth management director, Jerry Ferguson, wrote processing the site plan had been halted.

In the letter he cited the stoppage was due "to facts discovered subsequent to the hearing before the planning and zoning board on July 7 which renders your application incapable of being considered by the commission."

Ferguson wrote that a substance abuse treatment facility is permitted in the B-2 zoning, but not within 1,000 feet of

another exiting facility. Ferguson said he told Backman of this in December, 2010.

The application however moved forward and was approved by the community appearance board and then went before the planning and zoning board in June of this year. Tabled at that time, it came up again July 7 and was rejected.

District 1 City Commissioner Joe Miller said, "We have compassion for these people and know there is a need, but we have to balance this with the rights of private homeowners to be safe and comfortable in their homes."

Added Thomas, "We understand the need for dual diagnosis detox centers, but the city needs the proper zon-

ing. Normally, these facilities are found in hospitals."

In material Backman presented to the planning and zoning board, he said detox centers take clients at the height of their addictions for three to seven days before they are moved to long term treatment.

Mustafa said he began working on his new site in October 2010 and went forward with his \$1.3 million purchase when he was told detox centers are permitted uses in B-2 zones.

He added, "I do not believe they (the city) did the right thing. I am just adding a component to an existing license. They are not being respectful. They are being political."

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Not Kansas Anymore? - Instead this is the new look of East Atlantic Boulevard where outdoor dining, urban forests and lighting draw crowds.

By Aleese Kopf

PELICAN WRITER

With wider sidewalks, more parking, better lanes and new landscaping, East Atlantic Boulevard is already attracting more visitors.

Hundreds of residents

gathered last Friday to witness the grand re-opening celebration of East Atlantic Boulevard and judge the changes first-hand.

Esther Feldman, who lives right next door at the Pompano Beach Club, said she loved the changes. As she

wandered down the block, grabbing free food samples, listening to the live music and visiting with neighbors, she said the atmosphere was completely different.

"There's no comparison,"

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SUDOKU

Difficulty: Easy Edited by Margie E. Burke

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(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- Pajama halves
- Not-so-pretty snow
- Mt. Hood's state, briefly
- Locale
- Like a mud puddle
- Word before squad or talk
- Almost fat-free
- Bungle
- In the past
- Second thoughts
- Where the heart is
- Breakfast beverage
- With great skill
- Volcanic rock
- It may get charged
- Unaccompanied
- Ship's staff
- Jodie Foster title role
- Baby in blue
- Glowing
- Baby sound
- Slangy assent
- Moving poke?
- Cow right
- Cast member
- Pipe attachment
- Orate
- Bit of rain
- Urge on
- Blacksmith's creation
- By way of
- Stubby piece
- Golf club

DOWN

- Battle ship letters
- Close up shop
- Top-row key
- Dizzying designs
- Fit for a king
- Modeling adhesive
- Silvery fish
- Taxpayer, e.g.
- Ready for business
- In the lead
- Term of endearment
- _____ vera
- Tofu source
- Before
- Computer media
- Bus. major's course
- Like Rip's beard
- Theater box
- Part of SAT
- Hawk's claw
- Angelic feature
- Plover's relative
- Lustful
- Battle line
- NJ hockey player
- Banishment
- Classroom accessory
- Wander aimlessly
- Sacred bird of the Nile
- Evangelist
- Catch, as cattle
- Leg joint
- Grille cover

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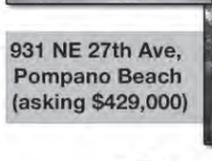
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Brenda Sites and Harley were on hand for the grand opening of East Atlantic Boulevard this week.



Sightings

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Beach. The competition is open to individuals or groups that sing and/or dance. All participants must be South Florida residents between the ages of five and 15. Call 954-703-7934.

Events

Oct. 1 - The Florida Humane Society is holding its Semi-Annual Garage Sale, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 2500 NE 22 Court, Pompano Beach (behind Pompano Bowling alley.) Donations are being accepted. For more information, please call Beverly @ 954 785 2165. All proceeds benefit The Florida Humane Society.

Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. Danielle Knox of Lifetime television joins Tamara Grant of 97.3 FM to host "Women of Jam" at the Broward Center of the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale. The event benefits the Lillian S. Wells Women's Health center at Broward General Medical Center and the Seventh Avenue Health Center. Tickets are \$30. Call 954-462-0222.

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Turtle lights

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coastlines supply nesting grounds for thousands of sea turtles every year, they can also become graveyards.

“Lighting in Florida, especially on the beach front, is responsible for the death of up to 20 percent of the hatchlings,” said Kirt Rusenko, marine conservationist at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton.

With better laws, Rusenko said that percentage will be reduced.

Pompano Beach commissioners recently approved an amendment that specifies the types of bulbs residents and businesses can use on ocean front property. City officials said the purpose of the amendment is to clarify the appropriate type of lighting by providing examples and to make the city code closer to the state regulations.

“Before you couldn’t have any visible light services,” said Robin Bird, director of development services. “It was kind of vague and said every light had to be shielded.”

But now things are different according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation regulations.

Lights can be visible from the beach, as long as residents and businesses use the correct type of bulb and the appropriate fixtures. And, depending

on the fixture and location, Light-Emitting Diodes, or LED, lamps are not the only acceptable bulbs. Low-Pressure Sodium, or LPS, lamps ranging in wattage from 18 to 35 and red neon lamps can also be used.

Robbin Trindell, biological administrator for FWC, said the upfront cost for buying LED or other appropriate lighting is higher, but the long-term savings in electric bills is significant.

“We say keep it low, keep

it shielded and keep it long,” Trindell said.

The low refers to wattage, the long refers to wavelength and shielded means protected in a certified wildlife friendly fixture.

City officials said property owners can still go by the current standards, but this revision essentially explains what types of lighting they can use without problems. Types of appropriate bulbs, fixtures, mounting and location are

much more specific compared to the original code.

“It’s a tremendous relief for a tough situation that a number of the condo buildings in particular face,” said Commissioner Barry Dockswell.

Dockswell said that in the past, condo buildings and single family home owners ran the risk of getting plans approved and installing fixtures that were later found to be in violation. He said he was glad to see the city ordinance finally backing off to be similar to state requirements.

Rusenko said awareness is the main challenge in making sure residents and businesses have the right lighting.

“Education is really critical,” he said. “Every time I’ve talked with someone who has noncompliant lighting, they are more than willing to do the right thing.”

The most common sea turtle in Florida is the loggerhead. Green and leatherback sea turtles are also common, as well as the occasional Kemp’s ridley and hawksbill. The main nesting months run from May to October.

Fire services

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will be the patch on the uniforms and the insignia on the fire trucks.

The \$20.5 million contract with Broward Sheriff’s Office is some \$2.4 million higher than the \$18.8 million in the 2011-12 budget, but the sheriff says the merger includes a “value-added savings” of \$2.9 million by adding more personnel to the beach fire station and opening a station to serve southwest areas of the city including Crystal Lake.

Deerfield Beach Fire Chief Chad Brocata has been shaving his expenditures steadily since the 2009 budget.

Of the merger Mayor Peggy Noland said, “We are laying extraordinary groundwork as a role model for regionalization. In the end, the winners will be the city’s 77,000 residents who will benefit from the wealth of resources that this merger will bring.”

The city’s 160 firefighters will be sworn in tonight (Friday) 6 p.m. at Le Club Activity Center in Century Village East.

Deerfield Beach is the largest municipality to merge its fire/rescue services with BSO which already serves Weston, Pembroke Park and West Park as well as Port Everglades, the airport and unincorporated areas of the 75/Alligator Alley corridor.

The commission voted unanimously in June to go with BSO which has provided law enforcement services here since 1990. Police budget for the new fiscal year is \$21 million.



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PELICAN WRITER

The fishing game should change soon with approaching cold fronts on their way. Of course the greatest effect will be the sail fishing format.

So time to pull out kites and check and review all the tools needed for our beloved billfish bite in South Florida.

As with recent pressure changes, the daytime sword bite has been an up and down event, changing almost hourly with very sporadic bites.

Wahoo and dolphin fishing has also been inconsistent with reports of dolphin being caught in the 6 to 12-mile range and mostly small fish.

Most of the wahoos have been caught in the 150 to 200-foot depths. The ones that have been captured have been in the 25 - to 40-pound weight class. I recently spoke with a commercial kingfish captain who informed me the king bite has also been a little off, so with this report let's get into these cold fronts and shake the scene up a little bit.

Get tight

Sightings

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Saturday, Oct. 1 Low 5:41 AM High 12:11 PM Low 6:13 PM	Tuesday, Oct. 4 High 2:24 AM Low 8:49 AM High 3:12 PM Low 9:28 PM	This Week's Tide Tables should not be used for navigational purposes. Boaters should confirm tables with the Coast Guard Weather Station Information taken from www.saltwatertides.com
Sunday, Oct. 2 High 12:22 AM Low 6:39 AM High 1:07 PM Low 7:13 PM	Wednesday, Oct. 5 High 3:32 AM Low 9:56 AM High 4:16 PM Low 10:32 PM	

Rainbow Crossing

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next day. Shortly after I received a bag filled with healing things. It included Flannigan's paw print, a memorial candle, a condolence card, and seeds to plant in Flannigan's memory. Jenny is first class. I give her services a 10 and will always use her services when I need them for my two dogs and five cats."

A Rainbow Crossing provides a number of services including funerals, urns, biodegradable urns, scattering tubes, grief support, pre-need arrangements, art pieces, jewelry, custom portraits, house pick up and delivery.

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Jim and Moira Cristello, Boca Raton, will attest to that. Jim says, "We happen to have many animals because we love them, and unfortunately we have lost quite a few over the years and never before encountered a place like Rainbow Crossing. Jennifer has an excellent facility. It's modern, clean and a very pleasant place. She is an exceptional person. We recently lost one of our dogs and we have never been treated as well, or with as much compassion. Even though we were in mourning, she made our loss more bearable."

If requested, a viewing of a pet before cremation, is done in a tasteful setting, with the pet in a sleeping position, allowing the family the chance to say a last goodbye. This can be an important part of closure for those who wish it according to Jennifer. She adds, "Pet owners often see their pets as extended family and want to give them the same kind of closure and respect paid to a human. And many pet owners want to pre-plan which seems to comfort them as they anticipate their loss. We are happy to do this."

Jennifer lives in a condo with pet restrictions so currently her own pet family con-

sists of two kittens, Alex and Tiki. She says, "Their world is my fourth floor apartment with a balcony.

She clearly loves kittens and laughs as she shares a story. "I recently rescued 40 cats and gave them shelter for two weeks, while Beyond Nine Cat Rescue got settled into its new facility. This place was wrapped in plastic and it was a sight to behold, but I was glad to save those pets and we even adopted out four of them in that short time. It was a fulfilling experience."

Although she tries to follow business days and hours,

she says, "Death is never convenient so I do my best to accommodate pet parents in mourning. My fees are very affordable and a portion of every cremation fee is dedicated to helping homeless pets.

"This is a sad, but rewarding business. I am happy in my work because I am able to give comfort and solutions to those who are suffering a terrible loss."

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East Atlantic

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Feldman said. "It's a 100 percent improvement." She referred to a eastern end of East Atlantic Boulevard where restaurateurs have already spread the checkered cloths for outdoor dining.

The Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency broke ground on the \$900,000 project last May. Improvements included reconfigured street lanes with a wider center median,

on-street brick parking lanes and as much as 12 foot-wider sidewalks and lush landscaping.

Rosaly DiMaria Olortegui, manager at Frank's Italian Ristorante & Pizzeria, said it was about time the area receive some improvements. She said she expects the changes to help business and attract different crowds to the neighborhood.

"I love that they're making it family friendly," she said. "It's nice to see all ages out. It's putting life back in here." Mike Mendoza, a bartender



Beach feasting was all part of the grand opening of East Atlantic Boulevard this week.

at Briny Irish Pub, said he anticipates the improvements to help business as well.

"The economy is down but people like eating out," he said. "It looks nicer. It looks more inviting. It should help sales."

Larry Katz said that because of the changes, he will be more likely to visit the area. As a runner and owner of multiple dogs, there were a few improvements in particular that pleased him.

"I like that they widened the sidewalks and the fact the restaurants can have seating outside," Katz said. "Before there were cars right on top of you outside."

The East Atlantic Boulevard streetscape improvement project is the first in a series of improvements being made in the East CRA district.

"This is only the beginning of making Pompano Beach what it should be," said Mayor Lamar Fisher.

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