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## There's good reason to vote for Pompano as fishing mecca

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** - Thanks to the efforts of one local innkeeper, Pompano Beach is in the running for selection as "Ultimate Fishing Town."

Elaine Fitzgerald, owner of Beach Vacation Rentals, nominated the city in an online contest sponsored by World Fishing Network.

Now she's encouraging others who share her view to go online and cast their votes during the month of May.

"People who like to fish know" (why Pompano should be selected), she said. "Residents not familiar with fishing might be proud to know why Pompano Beach should be named the Ultimate Fishing Town."

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## Oakland Park approves land buy for Prospect Gardens park

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Oakland Park** - City commissioners in Oakland Park have authorized city officials to execute an agreement with Diamond Financial Services, LLC, for purchase of two parcels at 5081 NW Fifth Ave for a pocket park in Prospect Gardens. The asking price is \$80,000.

The vote approving the purchase was unanimous at a special meeting of the commission Monday.

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Roscoe Owens takes a bite out of a turkey leg at the annual Pompano Beach Seafood Festival on Saturday. [Photo by Michael d'Oliveira]

## Sunday sunshine helps Seafood Fest make it through another year

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** - A damp and dreary South Florida Saturday couldn't keep Boca resident Jason Hill and his wife, Elise, from breaking their six-year tradition of attending the annual Pompano Beach Seafood Festival.

"It's tradition. We haven't missed a year. Why start now?" he asked, adding, "I can't remember it being this bad ever. Still a good time though."

Unfortunately for vendors and festival promoters, the weather kept many away Friday and most of Saturday.

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## FEMA says city owes \$1.6 million for ineligible Hurricane Wilma projects

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** - After months of negotiation, the city is being asked to remit \$1.6 million in federal funds paid for the cleanup of Hurricane Wilma.

The major work the Federal Emergency Management Agency,

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## Parks advisory board gathering forces to ban beach smoking

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** - Rafael Katz recalls an ugly incident on the beach here that impelled him to action.

"My children were playing in the sand and digging holes," he says. "They got [cigarette] butts in their shovels."

Katz, an attorney in Hollywood and a Pompano Beach resident, serves on the city's parks and recreation advisory board.

The beach trucks that clean the beaches don't have the kinds of blades that pick up butts, so Katz added, they stay embedded in the sand carrying germs.

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5-4 & 20 – Little Women, The Musical at Sol Children

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## Lauderdale-By-The-Sea moves forward with Commercial Boulevard design

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** - Commissioners gave the green light to a design plan for Commercial Boulevard from the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge to Seagrape Drive Tuesday.

The vote was 4-1, Vice Mayor Scot Sasser dissenting.

Commissioners chose a plan that keeps parallel parking on both sides of Commercial Boulevard and added landscaping between parking spaces.

The plan also includes a multi-purpose pedestrian-bike lane and angled parking in the parking lots.

During a recent special meeting, the commission heard from business owners and residents. The merchants

preferred the selected design. Some residents preferred an alternate design with back out parking on to Commercial.

In the approved design, existing parking lots are reconfigured, reversing the direction of internal travel lanes and reversing angled parking so the front of parked vehicles face the boulevard. Dimensions of the parking lot have been redesigned allowing for 15-foot wide sidewalks in front of businesses. Business signage locations are designated along with entry signage locations to the town.

In dissenting, Sasser said the plan involves spending a lot of money without enough change. He said the plan doesn't give him the boulevard effect he's seeking and still needs work.

Commissioner Stuart Dodd

expressed concerns about safety of the multipurpose lane.

While she favored the option selected, Mayor Roseann Minnet said she shared some of Sasser's concerns. She said she would like to see more "pop" to the design. She wants people to know they are in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea once they cross the bridge.

Hugh Johnson, landscape architect with Architectural Alliance, said the area will be wildly different from what it is now with tropical landscaping, signage and an entryway feature. He said the design team will continue to fine tune their work, accommodate commissioner concerns and add greenery.

In other business, commis-

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# Wilton Manors officials, PBA agree on three-year police contract

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Wilton Manors** - After six months of negotiations, city officials and members of the Broward Police Benevolent Association, or PBA, which represents law enforcement personnel, have agreed to a three-year contract.

On Tuesday, commissioners unanimously approved the contract, saying that they had to strike a balance between the needs of police officers and the needs of the taxpayers.

"I wish we could pay more," said Commissioner Ted Galatis. "Everyone has to feel the pain." Commissioner Julie

Carson added that negotiating a three-year contract, instead of the one-year contracts the city has been forging with the PBA since 2010, would save the city in legal costs.

The new contract, effective April 27, grants PBA members a one percent wage adjustment the first year and a one percent adjustment the second year. When that happens the base pay rate will range between \$19.72 per hour to \$38.33 with many making \$26 an hour and above.

When the third year of the contract comes up, the PBA and city can sit down for further discussions. "The city can bring two items to the table

and the PBA can bring two items to the table," said City Manager Joseph Gallegos.

The city also agreed to give the PBA a \$10,000 lump sum to disperse among its members, to settle a claim of unfair labor practices. The case stems, in part, from claims by the PBA that the city did not fulfill promises it made during contract negotiations.

Also per the agreement, effective the next time the city renews its healthcare plan, each PBA member will pay 15 percent of his or her healthcare premium plus 50 percent of the premium of any dependents on his or her plan.

Before, according to Dio Sanchez, human resources

manager, the city paid 100 percent of the premium. "That was the biggest change," said Sanchez.

PBA members who live outside the city and take home a municipal vehicle will also be charged between \$20 and \$50 per month, depending on the distance from the station to his or her residence. That stipulation has been a part of previous PBA contracts.

Resident Paul Kuta said that commissioners who vote on the PBA contract and seek an endorsement from the orga-

nization are committing a conflict of interest.

In an interview with *The Pelican*, Commissioner Julie Carson said that she doesn't think endorsements are conflicts of interest, but she would like to avoid the appearance of one. "It's better to err on the side of caution."

Carson added that if she runs again when her term is up in November, she would not seek the PBA's endorsement again. In 2010, Carson

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## LBTS

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sioners unanimously agreed to give designers the go-ahead to proceed with plans for improvements on Bougainvillea Drive.

They approved construction of a roundabout at Washington Avenue, the addition of trees and tree islands where possible and designing drainage for a 10-year storm. They said "no" to pervious pavers and to narrowing the swale.



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# Kiwanians turn can tabs into cash for Ronald McDonald House

By Michael d'Oliveira

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**Fort Lauderdale** - One man's trash is one Ronald McDonald House's treasure.

On April 21, Oakland Park Kiwanis Club members delivered 325 pounds of aluminum can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Lauderdale.

Stacy Celestin, assistant house manager for Ronald McDonald, said the tabs will fetch 53 cents per pound and generate an extra \$173 dollars for the house.

"This is our third year. We've collected over a million of these [for Ronald McDonald House]," said Dennis Buchta, Kiwanis board member.

Kiwanis members also repaved a walkway at the house, donated 75 bottles of laundry detergent and cooked lunch for the 10 families living in the house at the time. Ronald McDonald House provides families a place to stay while their child receives medical treatment.

Celestin estimates the detergent is enough to take care of laundry needs for the next six to eight months.

The genesis of the "Walkway of Hope," said Buchta,



Dennis Buchta, Kiwanis board member, smooths out some of the stones the club used to build the Walkway of Hope. [Photo by Michael d'Oliveira]

came when one of the members tripped on one of the stepping stones when the club delivered its annual donation of detergent last year.

"So we said, 'let's build a better sidewalk,'" said Buchta, who estimates that the \$750 spent on the walkway is the most money the club has ever committed to one project.

Along with 25 pink stones,

rocks and sand, members laid down 20 pavers decorated by students at Oakland Park Elementary School. "I never thought it would come out like this," said Buchta.

Celestin told Kiwanis members that she couldn't wait to see the faces of families and staff members when they saw

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# Land buy

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Commissioner Jed Shank urged city staff to consider the property, noting that residents often comment that all the city's Community Redevelopment Agency funds are being spent downtown. "The neighborhood is very deserving of this," he said.

Robert Rutherford, president of the Prospect Gardens Community Group, said the park is an amenity the neighborhood needs. "We're very happy the commission supports it."

Another ordinance, authorizing purchase of three properties at 1228, 1254 and 1266

NE 38 St. failed by a vote of 4-1 with Vice Mayor John Adornato casting the only vote in favor of the purchase. Tontina, Inc., owner of the properties, was asking \$1.365 million.

Adornato unsuccessfully moved to support a third ordinance, calling for purchase of property owned by St. Thomas Malankara Orthodox Church of India at 3721 NE 13 Ave. for \$425,000.

Adornato said he supported the acquisitions because "it sends the message Oakland Park is open for business, and we want to work with the community."

The city is applying for reallocation of funds under an interlocal agreement with

Broward County. A balance of \$10.2 million remains of an original \$13 million grant. City and county commissioners must approve the reallocation.

Last week, commissioners authorized the purchase of the Sikes Tile property on Northeast 12 Avenue, Squire Plaza at Northeast 34 Court and Dixie Highway and the Schnell property on Northeast 37 Street. Appraisals must be submitted to Broward by May 8.

Commissioner Shari McCartney said she is "pretty confident that purchase of the core pieces are sufficient to spur development." She referred to the parcels approved last week.

# Kiwanis' Kentucky Derby tradition continues May 5

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Wilton Manors** - Do you Burgoo? That's the question Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club members are asking. And the answer can be found at the club's annual Burgoo BBQ Bash, May 5 from 4:30 to 11 p.m. at 2749 NE 14 Ave., Wilton Manors, the same day the Kentucky Derby is held.

With plenty of meats, vegetables and other ingredients, including chicken, pork, lamb, beef, corn, peas onions, okra, green beans and carrots, Bur-

goo has something for every palate.

"It's different each time. You name it. It's pretty much in there," said Tom Blanski, club president.

Asked what Burgoo tastes like, with so many different flavors, Blanski says the pork will probably get the most attention. And for those not into Burgoo, chicken and pork will also be served. There will also be two contests: best desert and best decorated hat.

The dish gets its name from the signature stew served during the Kentucky Derby's two-week-long festivities.

And along with a live showing of the Kentucky Derby race, attendees can also enjoy the sounds of the Green Onions, a local band that plays

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In the article in the April 20 issue of *The Pelican*, "Men Want to Know," regarding researchers at FAU conducting the "Healthy Aging Study," the telephone number was printed incorrectly. The correct number for Dr. Sonja Diaz is 561-297-4323. The Pelican regrets the error.

## Ancient sea turtles laying eggs on Florida beaches

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The survival of sea turtle species that have been on earth 110 million years depends on a ritual that begins every spring, as females climb out of the ocean to lay their eggs.

Florida's sea turtle nesting season started this month and continues through October. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is asking beach-goers to be careful and watch out for sea turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs. Leatherback turtle nests already have been documented this year on beaches in Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties.

"Please respect Florida's sea turtles by leaving them alone and staying at a distance when you spot them moving across the sand or laying eggs," said Robin Trindell, who is responsible for sea turtle management at the FWC. "Sea turtles are resilient species, having been on earth for millions of years, but the turtles and their eggs and hatchlings are especially vulnerable whenever they appear on our beaches."

Once a female sea turtle digs a nest on the beach with her rear flippers, she deposits about 100 eggs the size of pingpong balls. Then she covers up the nest with sand. Females often appear to weep as they nest, but the purpose of those tears is to remove salt from the turtle's body.

Last year was an exceptional nesting year for sea turtles in Florida, with a record count for green turtle nests, and the number of leatherback turtle nests almost matching the record.

Another important step that people can take to help sea turtle nesting is turning off or shielding outdoor lights that face the ocean. Sea turtle hatchlings may confuse artificial nighttime lighting on homes and businesses with the sparkle of seawater, and head in the wrong direction when leaving their nests. If confused turtle hatchlings end up heading inland instead of toward their watery habitat, they often die from dehydration, getting run over, or being preyed upon by raccoons, ghost crabs and fire ants.

Sea turtle eggs typically incubate for 45 to 60 days, and the hatchlings will emerge on Florida beaches through November.

Three sea turtle species, the loggerhead, green turtle and leatherback, nest regularly on Florida's beaches. Two other species, the hawksbill and Kemp's

See SEA TURTLES on page 14

## Law amending Sunday morning alcohol sales needs full consideration

To the Editor,

The City of Deerfield Beach's recent decision to seek public input regarding its existing prohibition against Sunday morning alcohol sales was discussed last week during the "Paul and Young Ron Show" on south Florida radio station 105.9 FM. The DJs specifically expressed their aspirations of speaking with me about the topic. They made their objection to the existing prohibition abundantly clear. Likewise, most constituents that have contacted me about it agree such prohibitions are "behind the times" so to speak- and they are, in many ways correct.

While my final position on the matter will be stated at the time of the vote and not before, in response to the radio show's inquiry I wish to express a few thoughts about the topic now.

1) Before taking down a wall, one should have a full understanding of what it was put up to protect against in the first place.

2) There is great value in providing an opportunity for public input. The law has been around for decades. Providing a few weeks for our constituents to express their thoughts about it is only proper.

3. At this time when the Cove neighborhood is trying to protect its families and property values from a drug and alcohol rehab center with nine addicts residing in a single-family home, many constituents are rightly

See ALCOHOL on page 7

## More scrutiny of Pompano Beach 50-year lease needed

To the Editor;

After watching the Pompano Beach CRA meeting April 17, I was concerned to hear Commissioner Barry Dockswell ask for a vote to evaluate the money involved in the lease for the hotel. When the question was asked about the cost for this study, it was briefly discussed and agreed upon that it was too expensive.

When you are considering a 50-year lease, it would seem wise to pay \$5,000 to \$10,000 for another opinion on the matter. You could ultimately be talking about millions lost over the lease period.

While the public may be happier with a hotel instead of a parking garage, we are giving up a single large parcel of land for a period of time that will outlive all of us. I think the commission (acting as the CRA) should reconsider Commissioner Dockswell's request for an outside firm's assessment before approving this lease

Portia Castenholz  
Pompano Beach

## Mistakes are being made

To the Editor;

Who from the Deerfield Beach city staff and the CRA is being held responsible for the botched up paving of Hillsboro Boulevard? This is a project that has taken four years, and it was done incorrectly. It is now being redone, and last week one of the workers was killed at the site. If the city is in litigation as was reported by Charles De Brusco at the District 1 meeting, then who is doing the asphalt resurfacing now, and who is financially responsible?

The chickens will come home to roost.

In February of 2011 Wayne Miller, who had been with the Water Department for 35 years and had overseen the expansion and operation of the water plants for the last 10 years, retired. Wayne did not want to retire. He wanted to stay in the job he had been doing so well all those years. While he was there, Deerfield Beach always had the county's best water.

He went to Burgess Hanson to tell him that working with the person who was his supervisor was intolerable, and unless changes could be made, he would retire. The manager chose to support a four-year employee against the needs of a most valuable member of the city staff. The result of this

See MISTAKES on page 7

## Continuing beach erosion far greater problem than turtle lighting

To the Editor,

We live in Hillsboro Beach. We have the same problem as Jim Caggiano's letter about the lights and turtles. The cost of changing light bulbs at our building, Hillsboro Island House, 1160 Hillsboro Mile, and all along the Deerfield Beach walkway is an unnecessary expense.

Many condos along the mile have had to change bulbs to amber color. We also read about the issue of turning off the lighthouse at the Hillsboro Inlet which is ridiculous to think we are putting turtles ahead of the safety of sailors and pilots.

We at the Hillsboro Island House have more important issues: i.e. installing break waters to stop the loss of our beach sand, and I haven't seen a news article on the Apr. 12 meeting at the Hillsboro Town Hall about beach renourishment. At that meeting, there were local homeowners that gave great presentations about the beach sand problem and had questioned for Coastal Systems International that gave a hot spot presentation. Let's keep our priorities straight and put our efforts into what is really important.

John Luca  
Hillsboro Beach

## To set the record straight

To to the Editor,

I was not planning to write a letter regarding my termination of employment from the Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Chamber of Commerce. However, in view of the recent letter published in the Chamber newsletter which did not fully explain my termination, I feel compelled to set the record straight.

The Chamber can spin it anyway they want. I did not retire, or step down. After 10 years of dedication, hard work, no reprimands, receiving a lot of praise for the job I was doing, a number of plaques for outstanding service, I was fired. Their only comment was "the Chamber is going in a new direction."

I have received many telephone calls from members regarding this, and I was deeply touched to hear the kind words they had to say, and I thank them all for their support.

Sincerely,  
Judy Swaggerty,  
Former Executive Director  
LBTS Chamber of Commerce

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## Mistakes

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grievous error was the recent posting of the city's failure in 2011 to meet the monitoring requirements for the water system. It never happened on Wayne Miller's watch.

When is this commission going to wake up to the fact that the city is moving in the wrong direction? When will people be made to pay for the mistakes they are making? It is time to let the voters' voices be heard, and they will be heard whether it is in November or March. The choice is yours.

Jean M. Robb  
Deerfield Beach

## Alcohol

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concerned about the loss of traditional values in our society in general, and specifically about the lack of respect for a day that many of us reserve to honor God.

4) Our businesses here in Deerfield Beach deserve to be on an equal playing field with surrounding communities. As a follower of Christ and a believer in the Bible, I can understand how these so-called "Blue Laws" came about. I

also know that I am saved by God's grace and my personal faith. I think Tim Tebow has it correct as he tries to get people to open the Bible to John 3:16. Those 25 words are the essence of the Gospel, not the Blue Laws!

Joseph P. Miller  
District 1 Commissioner,  
Deerfield Beach

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## Investors diversify portfolios with tangible assets like precious metals from U.S. Gold and Silver, Inc.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Joseph Rainer is a fully accredited coin and bullion dealer who buys and sells coins, silver, gold, platinum, Bullion, and diamonds. Although his showroom is in New Port Richey, Florida, he hopes to have a branch office up and running in Boca Raton this year. A member of the Deerfield Beach and Boca Raton Chambers of Commerce, he frequently comes to the area to do free appraisals at in-home appointments with long time and new clients.

"I've been in this business for 22 years," he says. "I've been in it full time since the market crashed in 2007. Somewhat of an entrepreneur, he also owned the Boca Raton Institute at Yamato and Federal in Boca for 9 years where his accredited school taught massage therapy, skin care and nail technology. I've also been a construction project manager, but I was always also a dealer in precious metals and coins."

He recommends having 35 percent of one's assets invested in tangible assets such as he sells. He is an active buyer and seller of bars, wafers and coins. He sells all U.S. Mint Bullion products including gold, silver and platinum American Eagles. He also sells Royal Canadian Mint products including gold, silver and platinum Maple Leafs and Krugerrands of South Africa. "I caution clients to stay away from paper metal stocks



Joseph Rainer, right, at work in his Port Richey office. Shown here with a client discussing investing in precious metals.

and bonds because they can go up and down and out and take you right with them. Actual metals are tangible in-hand investments that may go up or down but always have a good value. In the main, if the dollar is strong, metals go down. If oil moves up, metals move up."

Since 2003, Rainer has been a certified grader of mint state U.S. Coins by the American School of Numismatics Association, or AMA, and is a lifetime member of Florida United Numismatists, or F.U.N. He is a fully accredited dealer and grading company by USPI, Inc. an accreditation agency. "These are all very important factors for a dealer in this business," he points

out. "They authenticate my claims of reliability and honesty and give me the solid reputation I have earned."

Richard Grossman, Port Richey, Fl., admits he was a bit leery about investing in the coin business, but he says, "I did buy silver and gold coins for a very fair price from Joseph Rainer, and paid a fair price. I'm holding what I bought because this is a good investment that holds its value. To make my point, two pre-1964 dimes could buy a \$5 gallon of gas in today's world. I call that appreciation. Joseph is sharp and he's fair. I've checked his competition and he's the best."

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# Jed Crist wins first Bounce Horse Derby in photo finish at Pompano Seafood Festival



Jed Crist, right, holds off Jon Saluk in winning the final heat of the Pompano Has Heart inaugural Pompano Beach Seafood Festival Bounce Horse Derby Sunday. Crist was sponsored in the race by iBERIABANK Pompano Beach. Saluk was sponsored by the Wellness Center of Florida. [Photos by Skip Smith]

Jed Crist, 19, of Pompano Beach accepts the Bounce Horse Derby Cup Trophy for his victory Sunday at the Pompano Beach Seafood Festival. Left is Steven Wolf, president of Pompano Has Heart and on the right is Crist's sponsor for the race, Jean McIntyre, Vice President Branch Manager of iBERIABANK of Pompano Beach.

**By Steven Wolf**

**SPECIAL TO THE PELICAN**

**Pompano Beach** - It actually took a photograph to declare 19-year-old Jed Crist, riding for iBERIABANK of Pompano Beach, as the winner in the Pompano Has Heart inaugural Pompano Beach Seafood Festival Bounce Horse Derby Sunday. The Bounce Horse Derby,

which was delayed a day due to wind and rain Saturday, featured three elimination divisions Sunday with the winner of each division returning for the grand finale. Local businesses sponsored "jockeys" for the race with all proceeds donated to the disaster relief charity, Pompano Has Heart, Inc. The race was held on the sand in front of the

Community Stage. Each race was 40-feet long and jockeys had to "bounce" their ways to the finish line.

In the final it was neck and neck between Jed Crist and Jon Saluk as the two jockeys crossed the finish line at the exact same time. But the judges went to the official photographer and the photo

*See DERBY on page 17*

# Two men charged in hyperbaric fire that killed boy and grandmother

**BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** - Broward Sheriff's Office detectives have charged two employees of a hyperbaric facility for gross negligence in failing to maintain equipment in which a 4-year-old boy and his grandmother died in a 2009 fire. Both men face charges of manslaughter and aggravated manslaughter. The charges were the result of a joint investigation with the State Fire Marshal's Office and BSO.

On May 1, 2009, Vincenza Pesce was holding her 4-year-old grandson, Francesco Martinisi, inside of a tube-like hyperbaric chamber as he was being treated for cerebral palsy. Investigators believe the fire was started by static electricity inside the

chamber. It took nearly two minutes to free the two, who were completely engulfed in flames and later died of their injuries. Investigators noted various electrical issues with the "Vickers" hyperbaric chambers such as burned wiring and soldered exposed wiring. The chambers were dusty, and some were rigged using electrical extension cords taped together with electrical tape and broken indicator lights on the chamber controls.

Lance Bark, safety director and technician at Ocean Hyperbaric Neurologic Center, and Dr. George Daviglius, medical director, failed to make sure the chambers and wires were properly grounded

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**Rescue 4 at NE Focal Point**

**Deerfield Beach** - The Remembrance Project, a mobile memorial to the firefighters who died in New York on Sept. 11, 2001, will be at NE Focal Point, 150 NE 2 Ave., Deerfield Beach on May 1 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Project offers the public a chance to view Rescue Truck 4, the truck that carried nine firefighters to rescue victims of the attack on the Twin Towers on Sept. 11. All nine firefighters died that day.

Rescue 4 and 5 have been restored and travel throughout the country to raise awareness of the attack, raise funds to assist families of all firefighters who have died in the line of duty and educate young people about the attack.

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**13-year-old Boy Scout, Nicholas Spiller, to bugle TAPS at Arlington National Cemetery on May 19**

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**By Phyllis J. Neuberger**

PELICAN STAFF

Nick Spiller seems like a typical Boy Scout until he pulls out his bugle and plays Taps, loud and clear in front of the First Baptist Church on first street. He demonstrated his skill at the end of a *Pelican* interview, playing a variety of calls ending in TAPS, the sad and mournful call that brings tears to the eye and goose bumps to the flesh.

Nick and his dad, Linn Spiller shared their story of how Nick became a bugler. Linn says, "I'm the Scout Master of Troop 226 which meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. here at the First Baptist Church. We have 16 boys in our troop. Every troop has a position for a bugler, but there are very few buglers around. Nick, who goes to Lyons Creek Middle School in Coconut Creek, took trumpet lessons in school. He liked it so much, we followed up with private lessons with Jack Merek of Autry Music School. And then Nick decided he wanted to play the bugle. We ordered an inexpensive one on e-bay, and he'll tell you the rest."

"It was easy for me to transfer from the trumpet to the bugle," Nick nods. "I can now play Reveille to the colors, Battle stations, Mess call, Scouts' call, Officers' call, Assembly and Taps. Becoming a bugler has opened up a whole new world to me."



Young Boy Scout bugler, Nick Spiller shown here, in uniform, with his bugle which has enlarged his experience and given him many opportunities to be of service to ceremonies in need of his talents. On May 19, Armed Forces Day, he will join other buglers to perform Taps at Arlington National Cemetery.

"My favorite call is Mess Call," he grins. "But I used them all at our Fall Encampment, a Scout camp-out attending by over 100 scouts in the district. All communications were done through bugler's call and I became the Lighthouse District's Chief Bugler. I hung out with the chief and did all the calls to different actions."

The chief scout at that encampment is the son of Steve Zimmerman, well known Pompano Beach lawyer, who is a Scout leader and a bugler. "Steve's skill on the bugle inspired Nick," Linn says. "They met in Cosmos's parking lot and did bugle calls together. Steve told us Nick needed a B-flat Bugle and we saw to it that he got one."

Nick strokes his new bugle gently, saying, "I'm very careful with it."

His father added, "Live buglers are a dying breed. but Nick is going to do his part to keep the unique sound of

the bugle heard because it is so much more effective than the electronic sound many situations are forced to use."

This young man is now a member of two bugle groups, *Taps 150* a Facebook group and *Buglers Around The Country* that includes volunteer buglers who will play events as needed. Its members includes scouts, musicians and the military. Nick has and will again play Taps at the Town of Davie's Memorial Day Parade. He's performed at local schools and flag retirement ceremonies. Of course he has earned his Bugler Unit Badge, but the big thrill was being invited to play at Arlington National Cemetery to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Taps on Armed Forces Day which is May 19.

See TAPS on page 14

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## Kiwanis

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the walkway for the first time. Organizations like Kiwanis, she said, provide a lot to the families that stay in the Ronald McDonald House.

Celestin said Ronald McDonald asks families to also give what they can "but if a family can't pay we don't tell them to pack their bags."

Built in May of 2004, the house in Fort Lauderdale, located across from Broward General Medical Center, has 20 rooms and can house up to 15 families at one time. While they stay at the house,

families are provided with everything they need, including food, so they can concentrate on their child's medical condition.

"Our mission is to create a home-away-from-home for all our families," said Celestin.

Sharon Etzweiler's four-month-old grandson, Atreyu, is dealing with brain damage as a result of Shaken Baby Syndrome. Etzweiler, who lives in Clewiston, says it's a blessing to be able to focus on her grandson. "Everything else is pretty much taken care of."

## PBA

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and Commissioner Scott Newton were endorsed by the PBA. Galatis and Mayor Gary Resnick, who also ran in 2010, did not receive endorsements.

Newton also said he doesn't see it as a conflict of interest. "They're a part of our community too," he said. "If I promised them something in return for their endorsement, that would be a conflict. I don't do that."

Multiple phone calls to the PBA for comments were not returned in time for publication.

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No smoking sign displayed at a Pompano Beach city park.

## Smoking ban

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For months, the board has sent requests to the commission to create an ordinance that would prohibit smoking in public parks. The beach is the largest public park in the city, but the answer is always the same. The law is preemptive.

Katz understands that. The Clean Air Act, passed by the state in 1990, regulated smoking to specific areas.

He explains. "When the state passed the Clean Air Indoor Act, the law was preemptive. That means that no lower government has the right to enact any regulation regarding smoking."

While the city could pass an ordinance prohibiting smoking, the law would not be enforceable due to its preemptive prohibition.

But that has not stopped the city from placing about 40 signs at parks that read, "No Smoking," "Thank You for Not Smoking" and "Young Lungs at Play."

In 2010, Deerfield Beach commissioners, unwilling to pass a similar law, placed 15 "No Smoking" signs on its beach.

Katz says the social stigma attached to smoking today and the signs are helping to lower the number of public smokers, but his group still intends to push for a law: enforceable or not.

Last month, members of the American Lung Association, or ALA, added weight to the board's quest for smoke-free public parks.

ALA members have offered to provide sample ordinances and educational materials to urge the city to move forward on a law. They will also speak to the commission at a public meeting.

Chris Mullan, another board member, says he wants to see a law passed. "[Smoking] is really annoying at soccer and Little League games," he said.

Katz, who has volunteered

as a soccer coach in the past said he wasn't going to have smoking at his practices at all.

"I said we were providing a clean and healthy activity, so if they were smokers, I asked them to do it in the parking lot. It was never an issue," he said.

## Burgoo

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Classic Rock songs.

The cost is \$10 for presale tickets and \$15 at the door. For advance tickets, call 954-729-0837.

A \$100 door prize drawing will be held for presale tickets. Proceeds from Burgoo help fund community service projects. *Disclosure: Michael d'Oliveira is a member of the Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club.*

## Simple steps help avert crime in the neighborhood, says LHP Chief

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**z** – In his attempt to reduce the number of successful burglaries in this city, Police Chief Ross Licata has another message for the public: always investigate when a car alarm goes off. Recently, expensive wheels were stolen from a SUV after the alarm sounded and the owner turned it off with his remote without checking out the situation.

Later, surveillance cameras showed the thieves leaving the scene only to return when the alarm was silenced and finish their nefarious work.

"When your vehicle alarm goes off at night, call us," Chief Licata said. The chief has some more tips for thwarting car thieves: if possible park your wheels in a garage, or use wheel locks, or park the car in front of the house in a well-lit spot with the alarm activated.

"All over South Florida we're seeing groups that target fancy wheels, rims and tires costing \$600 to \$800 each. That's a \$4,000 loss," the chief said.

Activating security systems when away from home, if only for a few moments, is also a must according to Licata. In one recent burglary, the homeowner was away only

an hour but the thieves went in and got away with the loot. "People may be watching and see you leave," Licata said.

Daytime home burglaries are increasing here and Licata asks for the public's assistance when they notice anything out of place in the neighborhood. Particularly suspicious should be anyone soliciting door-to-door.

"This city has a very strict soliciting law and if I give out two or three permits a year, that's a lot. Most people selling door-to-door are violating the law," Licata said.

Commonly, the "solicitor" will actually be checking to see if anyone is at home, or to divert the homeowner while a partner-in-crime enters through a backdoor. Often, when the door is answered, the visitor asks for someone not known to anyone and then moves on in search of an empty home.

People tend to just close their doors to these visitors and not to call the police, the chief said. The best practice here is to make that call so the police can check out the "solicitor." Don't ask to see the permit, he cautions, as prolonged contact could turn into a dangerous situation.

Recently a group of people canvassing a LHP neighborhood fled the city resulting in a police chase then ended in Miami Gardens where a number of people were arrested with stolen goods.

Keeping all doors locked when at home is the best policy. Electronics were stolen last week when someone walked in an unlocked side door, the chief said. Fortunately, the city's own surveillance system picked up the burglar's vehicle and it was found in Dania.

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# Tortoise waifs find a home at Oakland Park's Lakeside Sand Preserve

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Oakland Park** - The city's Lakeside Sand Preserve has been the adopted home for four waif gopher tortoises since December.

The four females were brought to Oakland Park from the Gumbo Limbo Nature Preserve in Boca Raton.

They're called waifs because they are orphans, often found roaming on a country road, city horticulturist Charlie Livio explained. People find them and bring them to wildlife centers.

In order to "adopt" the tor-

toises, the city had to obtain a permit from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Agency representatives visited Lakeside to check on the site.

"This is the habitat they're at home in," Livio said. The high, dry sandy landscape has all but disappeared in South Florida, lost to development.

Helping the tortoises acclimate to their new home has been an education, Livio said. "If we just put them there, they'd have no sense of place and would wander out into traffic."

So first, a 2 and 1/2-foot fence was installed, 10 inches



Yet unnamed, the waif gopher is settling into her new home in Oakland Park. Charlie Livio calls the rescue and transition a "labor of love."

of it underground, so the tortoises could not dig their way out.

The tortoises were brought to the site on a Friday, and by Monday had started building a burrow, their protection from predators and bad weather.

Every three days Livio has visited the site to check on the tortoises and the fence, to bring them produce, donated by a local Albertson's, and fill their water trays. The fence was taken down early this month, so now they're wandering around the site.

"Now they have a sense that they belong there," Livio said, noting the process has been "a labor of love and an educational experience. I had the responsibility to be a caretaker and to make sure we were successful."

Gopher tortoises are protected in Florida and nearing endangered species status in South Florida.

Oakland Park was the first city in the state to undergo the formal adoption process. The Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve is at 2820 NW 27 Ave.

## Gold

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# TAPS

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“For the first time, I will get to meet other TAPS buglers face to face,” Nick says, his eyes sparkling. “There may be up to 100 men, women, and Boy Scouts doing this honor together. I’m excited to go to this famous cemetery, see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the graves of other famous men of history,”

Troop leader dad says, “We’ve visited Washington as a family and with the troop, but this time his mother and I will be witness to our son participating in this historic service. It’s exciting!”

Nick loves scouting and hopes to become an Eagle Scout. Right now he and his troop are learning CERT with Pompano Fire Rescue. “We were on hand, passing out water, at the recent Bill Elliot church service,” Linn says.

Being one of a dying breed isn’t all bad for Nick. He hopes to be invited by the BSO to play echo TAPS with them and other buglers at future events. “Echoing TAPS creates a very moving sound,” Nick says. Then as he plays the chilling call, once again one hears “...Day is done/ Gone the sun/ From the lake/ From the hills/ From the sky. All is well/ Safely rest/ God is nigh.” After many more verses it ends with “While the

light fades from sight/And the stars gleaming rays softly send/To thy hands/ We our souls/ Lord commend.”

## The following excerpts are taken from the Arlington National Cemetery website **Taps, the Military Bugle in History and Ceremony**

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*bugles, photos, sheet music, uniforms and a variety of other memorabilia related to the bugle and Taps. The centerpiece is the bugle used to sound Taps at the funeral of John F. Kennedy, the nation’s 35<sup>th</sup> president. This bugle had previously been on display at the Smithsonian’s American History Museum.”*

# Sea turtles

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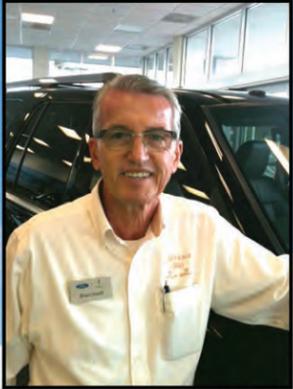
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# Sightings

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# At the Casino . . .

**May 19** - Seminole Casino, Hollywood, 4150 N. State Road 7.



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# Local author discusses her cookbook

**Pompano Beach** - Suzanne Jones, a Pompano Beach resident and former food writer with the *Sun Sentinel*, has recently published her book, *Readable, Doable and Delicious*. The book includes stories and recipes for all occasions.

Jones will speak at the next “Book Talk” at the Pompano Beach Library, 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd., May 19 at 2 p.m. For more information, call 954-786-2181.

# Crime

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Very few of these crimes are committed by people living here, Licata said. The vast number of the bad guys and girls are coming from Dade or Palm Beach counties. “In today’s environment, there are people out there just looking for an opportunity to steal and make money,” Licata said. And they will travel miles to accomplish this.

The number to call when anything unlikely occurs in your LHP neighborhood is 954-942-8080. “We need the public to be an extension of our eyes and ears,” Licata said. And there is no need to worry that your call may be a false alarm. “We’d rather be cautious,” the chief said. “If it is something legitimate, we’ll just move on.”

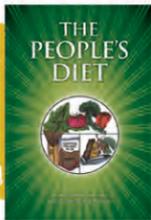
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**North Broward Teachers of the Year** - May 18 at John Knox Village dining room at noon. Cost is \$30. Call 954-941-2940.

**Fine Food & Wine** - May 22 at the Sheraton Suites Cypress Creek, 555 NW 62 St., Ft. Lauderdale. Tickets \$70 at the door. Call 954-941-2940.

**For the community** - Cruise in for Cars & Cash PNC Imperial Point Branch May 12 at the hospital located at 6550 North Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach

**2012 Pompano Beach Fishing Rodeo** - Join the anglers from May 16 to May 19 at Alsdorf Park and Boat Ramp, 2974 14 Street Causeway

Sign-up for the party and silent auction on May 16 from Party and Silent Auction, Wednesday, May 16 from 5 to 10 p.m. Late sign up on May 17 until 9 p.m. at the Lighthouse Brew Pub Bar at Alsdorf Park

**Fishing details:**

**Lines in the water**, Friday, May 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

**Lines in the Water**, Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m. to noon.

**Weigh-in:** Friday, May 18, open to the public, 3 p.m. to last fish is weighed.

**Party:** Join the fun at the mystical Lighthouse Brew Pub at Alsdorf Park. It magically appears once a year for four days only, and it is open to the public starting May 14.

**Awards:** Award ceremony and celebration 7:30 p.m. at Alsdorf Park and Boat Ramp. Call 954-942-4513 or e-mail fishtherodeo@gmail.com.

## Sightings

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Ave., from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 954-357-5579.

**5-3 - Broward Sierra Club meets at 7:30 p.m.** at the Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Rd. S., Coconut Creek. Meeting is free and open to the public. 954-946-7359.

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## It wasn't a whale that came ashore on Pompano Beach

Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** - On Tuesday, when Pompano Beach Firefighters answered calls call about a whale in the water close to Southeast 8 Street, they found a whale of a turtle—a 400-pound leatherback sea turtle at the shore.

Most sea turtles prefer to nest in the evenings, but Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission spokesperson, Carli Segelson, said daytime

nesting occurs sometimes.

“Several other species of sea turtles do exhibit some daytime nesting. Kemp’s Ridley turtles nest primarily in the daytime. Hawksbills nest in the daytime frequently in the Indian Ocean, occasionally in the Atlantic,” said Segelson. Five leatherbacks nested in Broward County in 2011.

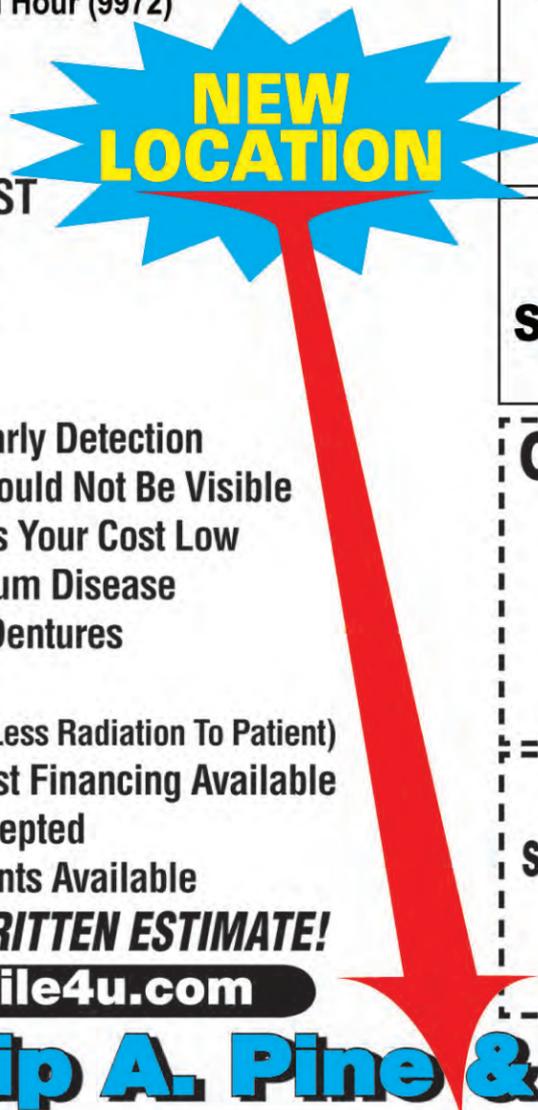
Turtle nesting season in South Florida officially begins on May 1 and goes until October.



After her cameo appearance, this Leatherback returns to the sea.

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# Derby

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showed that Crist was the winner by a scant nose over Saluk, who was sponsored by the Wellness Center of Florida. Brigit Korman, riding for John Knox Village, or JKV, was third.

“This was an amazing event.” Crist said. “I had never competed in a bounce horse race before today and it was pretty cool. I had a lot of fun and look forward to defending my title next year.”

iBERIABANK Vice President and branch manager, Jean McIntyre, who is also

current chair of the board of the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, accepted the Derby Cup on behalf of iBERIABANK. Crist and McIntyre also won one-year memberships in the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce and gift certificates to numerous restaurants in Pompano Beach.

Jon Saluk was victorious for the Wellness Center over Michael Hunter; Ridit Pest Control. The Reverend Bernard Pecaro, St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, was third and Jonny Feinberg, John Knox Village, came in fourth. Second division winners were

Jed Crist, iBERIABANK, beat Alex Romero, Executive Printing, with Brigit Korman, JKV, was third. Then in the third division, Brigit Korman won by a nose over John Better, Auto Tech & Body. Rachido Ivy, Kiwanis Club, was third.

John Berry, Harness Racing Hall of Famer was the race announcer. Nearly \$2,000 was raised from the event for Pompano Has Heart. For more information about Pompano Has Heart, visit [www.pompanohasheart.org](http://www.pompanohasheart.org). [See more Seafood Festival stories on page 1]

# Fishing Mecca

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“If enough of our residents and visitors take time to vote and we got the title, that’s just another feather in our cap when we promote how wonderful our city is for visitors and residents,” Fitzgerald said.

Quality of life is important to any city, she said. “Fishing is one more element that adds to the quality of life.”

Fitzgerald owns five properties in the beach area. She serves on the board of directors of the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce and heads the Tourist Development Task Force. Go to [www.worldfishingnetwork.com](http://www.worldfishingnetwork.com) to cast your vote.

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# Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber members share food, fun and business cards



**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** - Over 50 people attended the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, or LBTS, Chamber of Commerce's networking event at Flip Flops Dockside Eatery in Fort Lauderdale on April 18. Attendees enjoyed food and drink specials, networked and exchanged business cards. [Above] Yolanda Bernardini and Ed White. [Top Right] Katrina Rice, LBTS Commissioner Mark Brown, Alan Forgea and LBTS Chamber of Commerce President Mark Silver. [Bottom Right] Mindy Correa, Shevaun Kuhn and Jennifer Kovacs. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]

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# Wilton Manors resident signs with Roswell Invaders baseball team

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Wilton Manors** - Reed Alfieri has landed in Roswell, New Mexico.

Alfieri, 24, a Wilton Manors resident and part-time employee of the city's parks and recreation department, recently signed with the Roswell Invaders, an independent professional baseball team.

Alfieri, a pitcher who played two seasons with the Alpine Cowboys in Texas, goes to the Invaders two years after helping his former team win the Ferguson Jenkins League Championship trophy. In 2011, the Invaders beat Alpine and took home the Pecos League Championship. He also made the league's all-

star team both years.

Patrick Cann, parks and recreation department director, said it was cool to see Wilton Manors listed as Alfieri's hometown on the Invaders roster.

"I think it's exciting for him to have a dream and pursue that dream. We're all very excited for him," said Cann.

Alfieri says that this is probably his last year playing professional baseball, "if the Yankees don't sign me," he joked.

This year though, Alfieri says he's ready for another season.

"I condition myself pretty good throughout the offseason. But I've always wanted to gain more velocity in my fastball."

Right now, he says his



Alfieri after a pitch with his previous team, the Alpine Cowboys. [Photo courtesy of Reed Alfieri]

fastball is clocking in at 90/91 mph but he's hoping to get it up to 93/94 mph. To put a little more heat on his pitches, Alfieri says he's doing long throw exercises. "They say if you can throw 250 feet on a line then you can throw 95 mph 90 ft. to home plate," he said.

In 2010, he had four wins, one loss, a 1.75 ERA, six saves and 55 strikeouts. In 2011, he had three wins, two losses, a 3.90 ERA, four saves and 35 strikeouts.

As for the psychological aspect of his game, "I don't really get nervous or really worry about anything on the mound," said Alfieri. You just got to go in and be a bulldog."

Simon Walters, the Invaders manager, has had experience coaching Alfieri in the past and said he's happy to have him on in Roswell.

"Reed's a really good relief pitcher. He's an asset in the bullpen and he's always been an asset to me," said Walters. "He's not a kid I have to worry about, on or off the field. I hope I can help him move up to the next level."

Like his time in Texas, Alfieri is staying with a host family in Roswell for the season, which runs May 10 to July 31.

The city, with a population of 48,366, is world famous for an incident where a UFO allegedly crashed there in the 1940s. Since then, the city has developed its own UFO and space alien-themed tourism industry.

"You go down the street and all the street lights have little alien things on them. [There are] alien museums, alien cafes, it all has to do with aliens," said Alfieri.

## Booster Club golf tournament

On May 5 at 8 a.m., the Pompano Beach High School Booster Club will hold its annual golf tournament at the Pompano Beach Municipal Golf Course, 1101 N. Federal Hwy.

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## Seafood Fest

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"Friday night was horrendous. We pretty much got rained out Friday night," said festival organizer John Good, of Good Event Management. As for Saturday, "It wasn't anywhere near the type of crowd we usually have but we had a pretty nice

Manuel Santos, of Seafood Paradise, cooks up some shrimp for a customer.

crowd," said Good.

The owner of Seafood Paradise, who identified himself as Captain Ron, said the weather was just the "nature of the beast" and there's no use crying about it.

"I haven't seen the animals

coming up the street two-by-two yet," he joked.

But while rain kept many away at the start, by Sunday clear skies had returned along with vendors and the crowds.

"It could have been a complete disaster but

Jasmine Vann takes some time out from the surf and seafood to get her face painted by Barbie Ojeda.

it wasn't. It's kind of a testament to the strength of this event," said Good. "We were scared to death and it turned out better than we expected."

### Fun and fundraising

But the festival wasn't just about fun. There was also a fundraising side.

Members of the Pompano Beach Kiwanis Club,

Pompano Beach/Lighthouse Point Rotary Club, Blanche Ely High School, Pompano Proud, Pompano Has Heart and other groups earned money by volunteering at the event for their organizations.

Gwen Leys, executive board member of Pompano Has Heart, and her husband, Richard, also a member of Kiwanis, were two of the volunteers.

Gwen said when Pompano Has Heart was first founded, the focus was to help the victims of the January 2010 earthquake that hit Haiti. Richard estimates that from 2010 to 2011, Pompano Has Heart raised about \$14,000, which was used to send generators, food and clothing to an orphanage and medical supplies to a hospital.

Now, said Gwen, the group's mission has expanded to include local charitable events. Two it has helped so far are the Broward Sheriff's Office, which organized a Christmas party for needy children, and Christmas in July, organized by Broward's Kiwanis clubs.

Pompano Has Heart added another \$2,000 to its coffers at the Festival with its Bounce Horse Derby. [See Bounce Horse Derby story on page 9]

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# Fire

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and maintained. They failed to have the required annual inspections of the chambers and failed to make sure the patients were wearing the proper attire. They didn't know the proper decompression procedures once the fire started and didn't properly supervise the patients while they were inside the chamber.

In addition, detectives found a 2008 letter to the center detailing age-related problems with the "Vickers" hyperbaric chambers indicating that the employees knew of the problems. The chamber in question was built in 1967 and refurbished in 1984.

BSO deputies arrested Bark Wednesday afternoon at the center. Daviglius told detectives he will turn himself in Monday with his attorney in Broward County. The center is still open but operates under a new name, the Neubauer Center.

# Sightings

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## Clubs, Civic Groups, Charity and Volunteers

**5-2 – Oakland Park**  
**Friends of the Library** meets from 4 to 5 p.m. at the library, 1298 NE 37 St., Oakland Park. 954-630-4270.

**5-2 – Wilton Manors**  
**Friends of the Library** board meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library, 500 NE 26 St.

**5-5 – Pompano Beach**  
**Community Park**, 820 NE 18 Ave., cleanup from 8 to 11 a.m., rain or shine. Gloves, bags and water will be provided for volunteers. 954-786-4111.

**5-5 – Monthly beach cleanup** from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea pavilion, east end of Commercial Boulevard.

**5-5 – The Pompano Beach Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee** will host the Community Park Clean Up, 820 NE 18 Ave., from 8 to 11 a.m., rain or shine. 954-786-4111.

## Festivals, Events & Networking

**4-28 – Deerfield Beach Arbor Day/Earth Day** event from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Central City Campus, 401 SW 4 St. 954-480-4454.

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Fresh filet de sole Meuniere, above, is always an enticing option. The smooth, creamy Billi-Bi mussel soup, right, is a house specialty. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]

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The project offers the public a chance to view Rescue Truck 4, the truck that carried nine firefighters to rescue victims of the attack on the Twin Towers on Sept. 11. All nine firefighters died that day.

Rescue 4 and 5 have been restored and travel throughout the country to raise awareness of the attack, raise funds to assist families of all firefighters who have died in the line of duty and educate young people about the attack.

## Winterfest student artwork recognized

Fort Lauderdale - Students whose artwork was selected to appear in the Community Information Pages of the 2012 AT&T Real Yellow Pages directories were honored during a recent reception at ArtServe recently. The art contest, sponsored by Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade, drew more than 1170 entries from 43 different public and private schools in the area.

Students in the third, fourth, and fifth grades created drawings depicting what type of boat they would like to see in the annual parade. The students' artwork is featured inside the 2012 Pompano Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood AT&T Real Yellow Pages directories. Honorees include: Andrea Castellano - Floranada Elementary; Suiane Stephanie Baptista - North Andrews Gardens Elementary; Caitlyn Vastine - McNab Elementary and Kaitlyn Scallin - Westminster Academy



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1st - Paul Sacco, Jack Stockman

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Closest to pin, Palms #11, Nile Ekvall

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The Broward County Transit Bus and two passenger cars crashed at the intersection of Southwest 4 Street and 2 Avenue.

A woman and a one-year-old from one of the vehicles were taken to West Boca Medical Center and 12 passengers aboard the bus were also transported to North Broward Medical Center, Northwest Medical Center and Boca Regional Hospital, all by Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue units. None of the injuries were serious. BSO Deerfield Beach District deputies are conducting the investigation.

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**4-28 – Food & Flick Festival – Food trucks** from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and movie at 8 p.m. at Pompano Community Park, 820 NE 18 Ave. Event

benefits Gateway Community Outreach. 954-725-8434.

**5-3 – Rocketown from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 371 S. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach.** Former NFL stars Warrick Dunn and Kevin Carter renew their rivalry.

**5-5 – Deerfield Beach/ Lighthouse Relay for Life** from 5 p.m. on May 5 to 10

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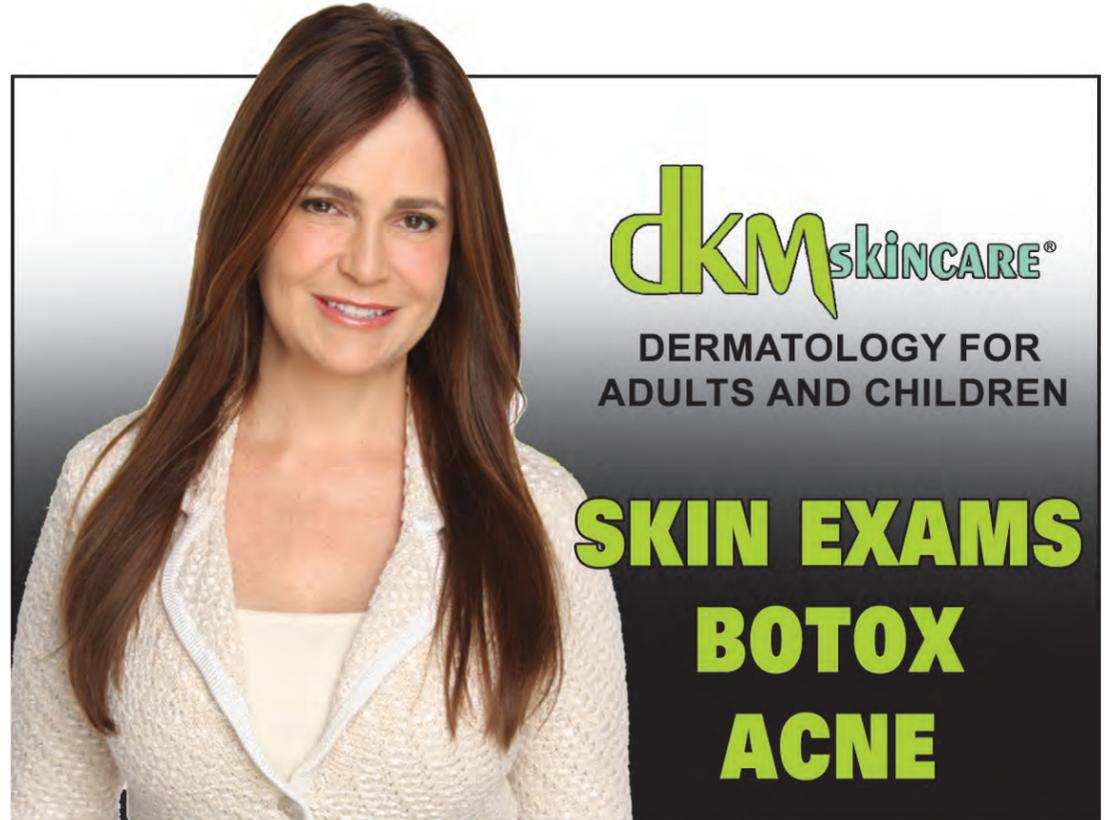
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# Deerfield Beach Fourth of July fireworks display draws criticism

By Judy Wilson

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**Deerfield Beach** - City commissioners approved a \$25,000 expenditure for July Fourth fireworks last week, but will put the annual light show out for bid next year.

Commissioner Ben Preston questioned if the city is getting the most for its money both in length and quality of the show. Mayor Peggy Noland said the 30-minute show on the Fourth does not compare favorably with the fireworks display at Founders' Days.

The city has used Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing for a number of years and staff said the price is "competitive."

Vice Mayor Bill Ganz said he was concerned that going out to bid now would jeopardize this year's celebration. "I'm concerned about the time period," he said. "Companies will be booked and that could jeopardize our Fourth."

Preston complained that the show "never starts on time" and urged that commissioners make sure they "are getting what we pay for."

They agreed that the job would be bid out next year and Commissioner Joe Miller said, "I think they (Zambelli) will step up their game."

## Scuba-store owner allowed to build outdoor swimming pool

**Deerfield Beach** - Arilton Pavan was given permission to build a swimming pool behind his scuba-diving store at 445 S. Federal Highway last week after he agreed to move some outdoor storage bins. Zoning in the area requires that all business activity be in an enclosed building, but the commission heeded Pavan's pool request

when he said there is not enough time available at the city's aquatic center to train scuba divers. "This is necessary for my business to grow," Pavan said.

The \$90,000 pool will be shielded by a six-foot fence rather than the four-foot required by code.

Pavan had been served notice by code enforcement that a boat and trailer and a storage container on his property is not permitted by the code, and he promised to remove them.

## Public donations would enhance city's parks

**Deerfield Beach** - Looking for a good cause? The parks and recreation department has a "wish list" of things that organizations or individuals can donate to enhance city parks. The items range from \$30,000 in parking lot and curb repairs at Constitution Park to a \$700 ball hitting station at the Middle School Athletic Complex.

The city's second largest department oversees 28 parks and the beach. Next active park to come on line will be at Quiet Waters Elementary School where the county has donated five acres for a baseball field and two multi-purpose fields scheduled the end of this year.

Parks and Recreation Director Walt Bratton says it will take about \$1 million to develop and light the field. There is now only \$500,000 in available funds.

Among the more moderately priced items on Bratton's list are an information kiosk at the Villages of Hillsboro Park - \$900; indoor/outdoor sound system - \$1,500 - and exercise stations - \$3,000 - at Constitution Park; room dividing doors for the Westside Park Community Center - \$6,000; new scoreboards at \$3,000 each for the four ball fields at the Middle School Athletic Complex; a \$8,000 ATV for Ocean Rescue.

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# The health and safety risks associated with using LED lightbulbs

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*Dear EarthTalk: Are there health or environmental concerns with LED lightbulbs, which may soon replace compact fluorescents as the green-friendly light bulb of choice?*

Mari Louise

Indeed, LED, or light emitting diode, lighting does seem to be the wave of the future right now, given the mercury content and light quality issues with the current king-of-the-hill of green bulbs, the compact fluorescent (CFL). LEDs use significantly less energy than even CFLs, and do not contain mercury. And they are becoming economically competitive with CFLs at the point of purchase while yielding superior quality lighting and energy bill savings down the

line.

But LEDs do have a dark side. A study published in late 2010 in the journal Environmental Science and Technology found that LEDs contain lead, arsenic and a dozen other potentially dangerous substances. LEDs are touted as the next generation of lighting," says Oladele Ogunseitan, one of the researchers behind the study and chair of the University of California (UC)-Irvine's Department of Population Health & Disease Prevention. "But as we try to find better products that do not deplete energy resources or contribute to global warming, we have to be vigilant [about] toxicity hazards...."

Ogunseitan and other UC-Irvine researchers tested several types of LEDs,



LED lightbulb.

including those used as Christmas lights, traffic lights, car headlights and brake lights. What did they find? Some of the worst offenders were low-intensity red LEDs, which were found to contain up to eight times the amount of lead, a known neurotoxin, allowed by California state law and which, according

to researchers, "exhibit significant cancer and noncancer potentials due to the high content of arsenic and lead."

Meanwhile, white LEDs contain the least lead, but still harbor large amounts of nickel, another heavy metal that causes allergic reactions in as many as one in five of us upon exposure. And the copper found in some LEDs can pose an environmental threat if it accumulates in rivers and lakes where it can poison aquatic life.

Ogunseitan adds that while breaking open a single

LED and breathing in its fumes wouldn't likely cause cancer, our bodies hardly need more toxic substances floating around, as the combined effects could be a disease trigger. If any LEDs break at home, Ogunseitan recommends sweeping them up while wearing gloves and a mask, and disposing of the debris—and even the broom—as hazardous waste. Furthermore, crews dispatched to clean up car crashes or broken traffic lights (LEDs are used

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## LED

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extensively for automotive and traffic lighting) should wear protective clothing and handle material as hazardous waste. LEDs are currently not considered toxic by law and can be disposed of in regular landfills.

According to Ogunseitan, LED makers could easily reduce the concentrations of heavy metals in their products or even redesign them with truly safer materials, especially if state or federal regulators required them to do so. "Every day we don't have a law that says you cannot replace an unsafe product with another unsafe product,

we're putting people's lives at risk," he concludes. "And it's a preventable risk."

Of course, we all need some kind of lighting in our lives and, despite their flaws, LEDs may still be the best choice regarding light quality, energy use and environmental footprint. That said, researchers are busy at work on even newer lighting technologies that could render even today's green choices obsolete.

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## FEMA

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or FEMA, is questioning involves billing for debris removal, \$400,000; sand restoration on the north beach, \$500,000; and paperwork for stump removal, \$500,000.

The city has been reviewing its FEMA awards since November. Originally, the agency had asked the city to remit \$3.9 million. Communications manager Remi Altherr-Musto said the city's position on the work done – that every project was approved by FEMA inspectors before it was done - has not changed and that it will continue to fight the repayment. "We will continue to actively appeal the reimbursement to reduce it further," Altherr-Musto said.

FEMA reimbursed the city \$13.9 million for Wilma cleanup and repairs.

According to Danon Lucas at FEMA's regional office, the three projects were deemed ineligible and the funding has been "de-obligated." FEMA passes its reimbursements through the state's division of emergency management which now has to collect the de-obligated funds.

According to FEMA's inspector general, the city could not provide the documentation to show that stump removal work had been validated by the agency, that the cost of debris removal was billed both at a unit price rate and for time and material which was not according to the contract and that the north beach was not eligible for improvement funds. The north beach, because it never had been maintained by the city, could not be considered an improved beach, and under FEMA rules repairing natural beaches is not a reimbursable project.

FEMA funding for many South Florida cities is being audited by the agency. In this area, Boca Raton was awarded \$28 million and was asked to remit \$5.5 million; Fort Lauderdale was awarded \$46 million and \$15 million of it was questionable. Altherr-Musto said the audits are a "clear indicator" of a trend that is not unique to Deerfield Beach.

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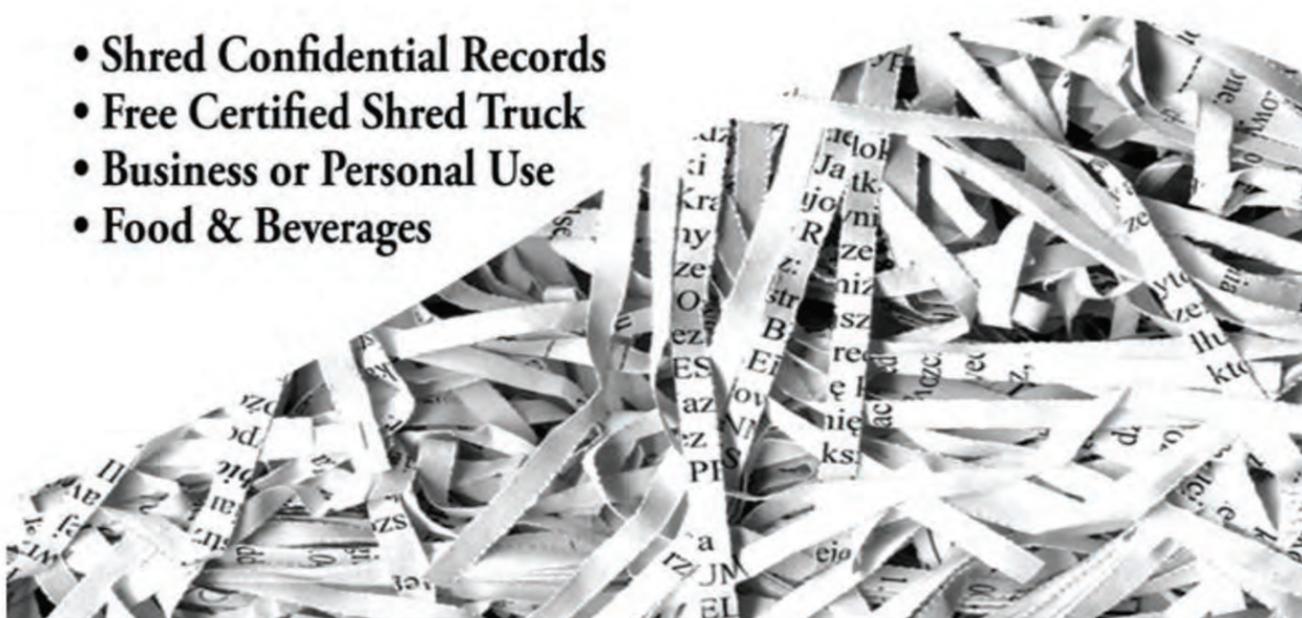
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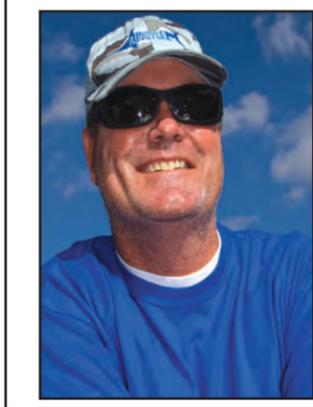
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### Government

4-28 –Oakland Park

Commissioner Jed Shank answers questions about city government from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Oakland Park Library, 1298 NE 37 St. 954-647-5349.

### Health, Safety & Environment

5-19 – Flotilla 37 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold free vessel safety

checks each day until May 25 at Pioneer Park Boat Ramp, 217 NE 5 Ave., Deerfield Beach. Safety checks start at 9 a.m. 954-755-4581.

### Mondays

Every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Ping Pong Nights is held at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. 954-390-2130.

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<b>Saturday, April 28</b> High 1:42 AM Low 7:45 AM High 1:56 PM Low 8:06 PM	<b>Tuesday, May 1</b> High 4:30 AM Low 10:47 AM High 5:08 PM Low 11:16 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 <a href="http://www.saltwatertides.com">www.saltwatertides.com</a>
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# Historic jetty at John U. Lloyd State Park now taking visitors again

**SPECIAL TO THE PELICAN**  
 Broward County Vice Mayor Kristin Jacobs joined several state and city officials to cut the ribbon in celebration of the re-opening of the historic jetty at John U. Lloyd Beach State Park April 16.

“Most of us don’t own boats or live in a waterfront home, so this jetty provides tremendous public accessibility to the ocean,” said Jacobs. “For the \$350,000 that was invested to repair this jetty, \$6 million will be generated in revenue. It pays to have recreation in our community.”

In 2004, storm damage caused the underlying jetty structure to shift, and the park closed the walkway to ensure visitor safety. Prior to that thousands of people used the jetty. “This jetty serves the recreational needs of our community. It is accessible to all, including ADA accessible. It has a rich history and has always been very important in this community,” said State Park Specialist Carmelo J. Duesler.



Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs, second from right, helps cut the ribbon at the re-opening of the jetty at John U. Lloyd Beach State Park in Dania Beach. [Picture courtesy of Broward County]

This project was awarded a \$350,000 cooperative assistance program grant by the Florida Inland Navigation District, which funded half of the project construction costs. Broward County’s \$200,000 contribution [jointly funded by the County departments

of Environmental Protection and Growth Management and Port Everglades], combined with a \$150,000 investment by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection covered the matching funds required to complete the

jetty restoration project. It’s estimated that the jetty will increase visitation to John U. Lloyd Beach State Park by about 150,000 visitors per year and have an annual economic impact of more than \$5.9 million.

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# French Place

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trademark voluminous coiffe, has over 45 years of culinary experience spanning both sides of the pond. From Europe to Africa to Canada and on to the United States, the Belgian finally found his home, his bride and his future life in Broward County.

It was in 1974 that Chef Jean-Pierre, along with his wife Diane, first opened the French Place on McNab Road just west of Federal Hwy. And for more than 3 decades, this stalwart of the Pompano culinary scene thrived on its outstanding fare, loyal clientèle and overall glowing reputation.

But in 2005, the Bollinnes yearned for a more tranquil existence. Consequently, they ceded the restaurant to young entrepreneurs.

Unfortunately, the whippersnappers lacked the vision, moxie and stamina required to run a successful dining establishment. Predictably, this once proud

trattoria was promptly run into the ground.

Seeing a lifetime of work being ignominiously squandered, Jean-Pierre and his lovely partner Diane decided to take back their restaurant and give it a fresh new start. At age 65, the Belgian Chef is truly excited about getting back to the business he knows and loves . . . the business that allowed him to put his four children through school . . . the business of . . . high-quality European cuisine.

"I love making great food for our customers. But even more than that, I love making great new friends. I am so happy to be able to serve the community again," says the jovial restaurateur as he pours a frothy pint of imported beer from behind the opulent bar.

The hand-written menu belies the thoughtfulness of the weekly offerings. "I haven't printed a permanent menu because I want to offer exciting new dishes every week," says Jean-Pierre. "But don't worry; all the favorites such as the flambéed Duck or

the filet of sole Meunière will always be available."

Foie gras mousse, garlic butter escargots, parmesan fondue and the tasty cold leek Vichyssoise soup are all house specialties that deserve serious consideration.

Speaking of elegant French potages, "our Billi-Bi is excellent. No one else even makes it," says Chef Bollinne about the rich, esoteric, velvety soup made with mussels, onions, wine, cream and seasonings. "I also add fresh Maine lobster to make it even better."

Meat lovers will salivate over the hearty beef Bourguignon, the three mushroom veal roast and the tasty French-style lamb shank.

For some sultry seaside surprises, the scampi with cream and garlic is a perennial favorite while the seared tuna with capers is guaranteed to please the most discriminating of tastes.

Equally enticing are the succulent salads, the various quiches and the cajoling crêpes such as the feta, spinach and tomato combo.

"We are also offering a great daily table d'hôte menu with soup, salad or quiche as a starter, fantastic European style steak, lamb, fish or chicken as a main course and, of course, a superb dessert. The whole meal is only \$21!" adds Chef Bollinne.

Also, "our Sunday brunch is all about eggs Benedict, crêpes and mimosas!" says the perpetually enthusiastic Euro-Chef with his charming,

visa-worthy accent. "Plus, we have a fun Karaoke soirée on Fridays and live French music on Saturday nights."

Most appetizers are in the \$4-\$7 range. All lunch entrées are under \$8 while the dinner offerings are between \$16 and \$22. Beer is \$3, wine glasses are \$5 and bottles start at \$20. The French Place is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

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