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21 days left in 2012 Hurricane season

Service marks Vet's Day

Deerfield Beach - Sunday worship services at Community Presbyterian Church will honor military personnel with music and prayer to commemorate Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. Special guests at the 11 a.m. service will be members of the American Legion and those in active duty. Theme of the day is "God Bless America." Rev. Dennis Andrews will present the sermon.

Pompano raises recreation fees

Costs of football and cheerleading reduced

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – The cost of having fun is going up.

Commissioners recently approved an ordinance that would increase many of the fees associated with the city's facilities and recreational programs.

The fee increases, recommended by city staff, don't include youth tackle football and cheerleading which had their fees reduced to \$50 per person. With over 725 boys and girls participating, tackle football and cheerleading is the most popular youth athletic program in the city. "It's a huge program," said Mark Beaudreau, recreation programs administrator.

Beaudreau said staff recommended the increase to create a "more equitable balance" between football and what is covered by other tax dollars." The city spends \$127,000

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Election Day

Jose Escalada and David Bronstein in Lighthouse Point supported different parties, but they demonstrated the art of crossing the aisle and sharing thoughts.

Long lines were everywhere in Florida for the presidential election, Nov. 6. Above left, voters wait in Wilton Manors to cast votes. [Bottom left] Dr. Joe McGee hands out Republican information alongside Sarah Brown who offers information on the Democratic side.

Wilton Manors returns Green, Carson to commission

White says he will run in 2014

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Wilton Manors – Faced with two new choices for commission seats, voters chose incumbents Tom Green and Julie Carson over Sal Torre and Kimber White.

Green, currently the vice mayor, received the highest tally with 3,276 votes; 43 percent. Carson came in second with 29 percent; 2,199 votes. Torre received 19 percent and 1,480 votes with White getting 7 percent; 565 votes.

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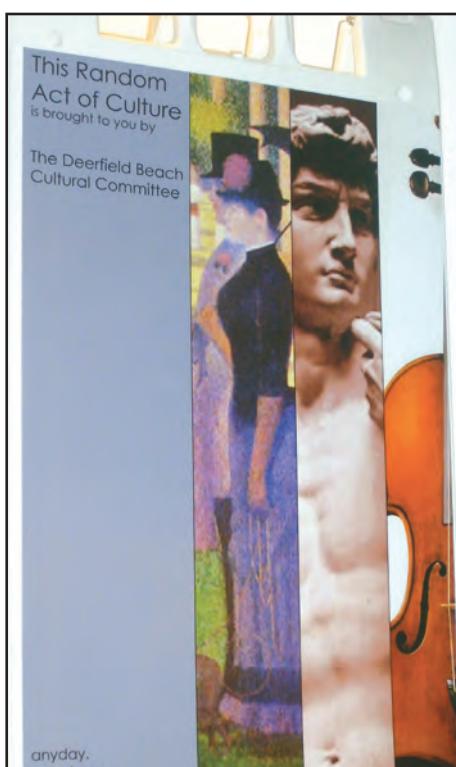
Surprise! Something very nice just happened

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach – It may be when you are walking the beach boardwalk that several people burst into song. It may be at the green market when you are approached by a mime. It may be at a local restaurant where a young dance troupe, unannounced, performs a routine. It will be "Anyday, Anytime, Anywhere" that these "Random Acts of Culture" happen.

Tuesday night, the first "Act" in a series planned by the Deerfield Beach Cultural Committee, occurred. The South Florida Chamber Ensemble played classical music for 30 minutes prior to the city commission meeting



The sandwich board sign that will signify Random Acts performances.

before a sparse, but delighted, audience.

Said cultural committee chair, Judi Stanich, "I read an article recently on how the brain reacts to art. Wouldn't it figure that lovely chamber music could trigger amicable results?"

The Ensemble is managed by resident Myrna Meeroff. She, on French horn, and two others, Brian Mirsky, violin, and Marie Schwartz, flute, played the music of Hayden, Beethoven, Hummel and Dauprat. One obvious effect of this brief cultural moment: the mood in the room lightened significantly.

"Random Acts" is the idea of TJ Egan who is a volunteer consultant for the Cultural Committee. The plan is to stage at least one Act a month

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After hitting rock bottom, Unity congregation on the rise

By Judy Vik

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Pompano Beach – Unity of Pompano Beach has undergone a renaissance. The congregation recently celebrated the second anniversary of its revival.

The church, at 261 SE 13 Ave., first opened its doors in the 1960s and was a thriving institution for almost 50 years. But in March 2010 the doors were closed. The congregation had dwindled, the building was in serious decline, and a sheriff's sale was imminent.

Seven months later about a dozen concerned Unity members teamed up and decided to revive the church. With guidance from Unity Worldwide Ministries, they devoted months of sweat and prayer to turn the church around.

They faced a daunting task. The buildings and

property were a mess. Utilities had been turned off. Squatters had apparently moved in, and so had rats. Mounds of clothing that hadn't sold in yard sales was still piled up inside.

The volunteers got a dumpster and went to work. There was no air-conditioning, and it didn't smell that great, Bev Spivey, spiritual leader, recalls.

When the clean-up effort continued on a Sunday, they paused to sing a song and say a blessing and then went right back to work.

The core group not only spruced up the building and grounds. They paid off all the outstanding bills and complied with the Pompano Beach Fire Department to complete a \$35,000 voice evacuation alarm system before re-opening.

"It was quite exciting to start a church," Spivey said.

And doing the work together gave them a feeling of ownership.

On Oct. 20, 2010, a service was held to celebrate the renaissance of the church, and 54 people turned out. "We were greatly encouraged," Spivey said.

The congregation has since grown to an average of nearly 100 at Sunday services. Most of the previous members have returned, and new people keep coming.

Spivey volunteers as spiritual leader. She previously worked managing a rental property and distributing a health product. She started attending the church three years ago along with a dozen others.

Spivey works with a six-member board headed by Richard Riccardi of Margate.

"We are excited. We want the church to become a spiritual center for Pompano

Beach and the area," said Pat Naulty of Pompano Beach, a 38-year member and vice president of the Board of Trustees.

Unity beliefs

According to Spivey "Unity emphasizes the practical, everyday application of spiritual principles to help people live more abundant and meaningful lives. We teach

effective, daily application of principles of truth taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ."

Unity is an open-minded, accepting spiritual community that honors all paths to God, according to a church brochure. Unity affirms the power of prayer and helps people experience a stronger connection with God every day.

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Mayor revives shoebox project, this time for burned-out New York enclave

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach –

Residents of Breezy Point, the community on the Rockaway Peninsula ravaged by floods and fire during Hurricane Sandy, may soon get relief supplies from residents of this city. Mayor Peggy Noland is asking for shoe boxes filled with items needed for personal hygiene – soap, shaving supplies, bandages, toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, deodorant, hair brushes, contact lens solution,

etc.

Noland said local businessman Frank Congemi who has an office near New York City told her the people of Breezy Point where 100 homes were destroyed were getting little help from either FEMA or the Red Cross despite last week's nationally broadcast concert that raised \$26 million for relief. The mayor said she has arranged for a warehouse here and a trucking company to take the supplies to Breezy Point where the Kiwanis Club will handle distribution. By

Tuesday she hopes to have the old yellow and blue recycling bins placed around the city for donations. Noland is hoping donors will fill their own shoeboxes, but will also gladly accept donations of individual items or money. By next week, the city's website will carry more details.

Noland organized a similar effort after Hurricane Katrina when the city adopted a severely damaged town in Mississippi and sent them a tractor-trailer full of personal supplies and water.

Noland says Pompano

Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher has offered support and hopes his city hall can be a collection point for donations.

The community of Breezy Point is located on 500 acres between Rockaway Inlet and the Atlantic Ocean. It is a privately-held cooperative where many firefighters who were called to duty on 9/11 have homes.

Arboretum band shell grant moves forward

Deerfield Beach – City commissioners took steps this

week to obtain a \$150,000 grant from Broward County for a small band shell in the Arboretum at Constitution Park. The money has been allotted through Broward County Vice Mayor Kristin Jacobs' office and needs only the approval of local officials.

The band shell is the project of the Friends of the Arboretum headed by Jerry Behan. Tuesday, Behan showed drawings of the 15 by 30 covered stage calling it

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Members of the South Florida Chamber Ensemble perform prior to the Deerfield Beach City Commission Tuesday in a "Random Act of Culture." Musicians are, from left, Brian Mirsky, Myrna Meeroff and Marie Schwartz.

Acts

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around town, but because the other idea is to keep these events random, there will be no pre-publicity. A sandwich board designed by Parks and Recreation employee Mickey Gomez will be the tipoff. It will identify the performers as being a Random Act.

The Cultural Committee has long been the sponsor of the annual Festival of the

Arts held on the beach in January. The committee also arranges for several concerts

a year, the next one on Dec. 7 when the 13th Army Band will play a patriotic concert

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in observance of Pearl Harbor Day. In the spring, it will sponsor the 2nd annual Storytelling Festival at Constitution Park.

The committee operates with funds raised from the art festival and by selling food and drinks at other local events. It receives no tax dollars, but does get advice and some services from the parks and recreation department.

Stanich said this week

she is always open to new ideas for bringing more of the arts to Deerfield Beach. "The mandate of the cultural committee is to bring more art and culture to the residents of Deerfield Beach. Random Acts of Culture [ROC] allows us to bring art to people in a spontaneous, surprising and appealing manner. ROC hooks them, leaves them wanting more and, if theories prove correct, brightens their day."

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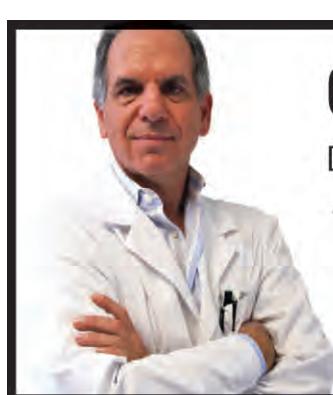
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Federal judge dismisses officer's lawsuit

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach - U.S.
District Judge Marcia Cooke has ruled police officer Jim Woolsey, 54, failed to prove age discrimination was the overriding reason for his demotion in 2010. In doing so, Cooke awarded the town a summary judgment for dismissal of Woolsey's complaint.

The case had been scheduled for trial last week. Woolsey was seeking to recover damages for Age Discrimination in the Employment Act of 1967 and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992.

In her order dismissing the case, Cooke wrote that Woolsey did not prove "a genuine dispute of material fact that age – not age and other motives – was the impetus behind the adverse employment decision."

Woolsey was demoted

from the rank of captain to patrolman in Sept. of 2010. The month before, Police Chief Tom Nagy promoted Jay Szesnat, 37, to major, a newly created rank which made him second in command, replacing Woolsey.

In response to Woolsey's complaint, Chief Nagy said he demoted Woolsey because he had received complaints about his leadership style and was consistently counseling him about his performance. In 2010, the chief documented his shortcoming in a performance evaluation.

Woolsey, who has been on the force for 29 years, contended that he had no such issues with the town's previous police chiefs and said Chief Nagy tried to force him to retire on two occasions in 2010 and that if he did not, he [Nagy] would "take [him] down in an embarrassing ball of flames." According to Cooke's order, Nagy denied this comment and his demand

that Woolsey retire.

Woolsey could not be reached and Mayor Dan Dodge declined to comment.

One dead in house fire

Pompano Beach - At 11:16 a.m. on Thursday, Pompano Beach Fire Rescue responded to a house fire at 1249 NE 25 St.. Firefighters made forced entry into the house through the front door. As one fire crew extinguished the fire, a second fire crew located an unconscious man in one of the bedrooms. The victim was taken to a rescue unit where paramedics evaluated and pronounced him dead. The victim is a 41-year-old male who resides at that address. There were no other injuries.

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Becky Lysengen
City Commissioner



Members of the Wilton Manors Business Association held a meeting recently at Nuts About Yogurt in Wilton Manors. Pictured are WMBA President Celeste Ellich, Nuts About Yogurt owner Leor Barak and Wilton Manors Development Alliance President/CEO Krishan Manners. [Staff Photo]

Photos of the week



Deerfield Beach voters turned out in droves early on election day, but by 4:30 p.m. the polls were quiet in most precincts. At St. Ambrose Church and precincts A1, A4, A8, there was no waiting as volunteer Vicki Karlin kept her lonely vigil. Karlin had in a long day, arriving at the polling place at 7 a.m. as did Shaun Casey, a BSO officer who gave up his day off to tout the candidacy of his boss at precinct A28 in Deer Creek Country Club.



Sherry Ryback of By Their Fruits [Above] weighs some produce for a customer at Pompano Beach's GreenMarket. Reed Blair and George Sortino [Right] of Culinary Gardening show off some of their plants and herbs. Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. GreenMarket vendors sell fresh fruits, vegetables, juices, baked goods, soaps, seafood, gourmet teas and coffees, art, books, orchids and other health-related products and services. The GreenMarket runs until April 27 and is located at the southwest corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Cypress Road. Visit www.pompanohistory.com/phc/market for more information. To become a vendor, email Debbi Moore, GreenMarket manager, at green-market@pompano.com or call 352-369-7355.



"Fun Festival" helps foster kids find permanent homes

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Wendy Smith's family will never be the same – and that's the way she wants it.

Last December, Smith and her husband Greg, parents of two sons, Matthew, 19, and Christian, 16, adopted Caleb, 2.

"We made him our forever kid," said Smith, who has also been a foster parent to 10 children and is hoping to adopt a daughter soon. "When

they put their arms around you, even though you're not their biological parent, it's the most amazing thing in the world."

Smith, who lives in Coral Springs, said she wasn't expecting to become a mother again but the third time around suits her just fine. "In some ways it's better. I'm a little calmer."

For her two sons, it's been a learning experience.

"I didn't expect it at all," said Matthew. "It definitely makes you more responsible."



For Christian, Caleb can be fun and stressful. "I can easily say now I can take care of a kid."

On Saturday, the Smiths spent time with their potential new member during ChildNet's "Family Fall Festival" at Weaver Park in Pompano Beach. ChildNet supports at risk children who have been neglected and abused and works to find permanent homes for them.

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Christian, left, and Matthew Smith help their adopted brother Caleb, 2, with a sand sculpture at ChildNet's adoption event last Saturday in Pompano Beach. [Photo by Michael d'Oliveira]

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Business matters

Briefs

Right Pill Pharmacy brings on new face

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Health talk at Galuppi's

Meet Dr. Paula Hedglon, chiropractor, for a complementary breakfast, Nov. 15, at Galuppi's, 1103 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach at 9:45 a.m.

Dr. Hedglon will discuss health issues such as stress, strength, balance and energy.

People with health concerns who want to reduce medication are invited to learn new paths to more energy and better sleep.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. To attend, call 954-249-2277.

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Malissa Bellavigna, Realtor, is the Broward County Regional Manager of Weichert Realtors-Hallmark Properties with new offices in the Galleria Professional Building, 915 Middle River Drive, Suite 301.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

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Bubbling with enthusiasm, Regional Manager in Broward County Malissa Bellavigna says, "We just opened this office in June in the Galleria Professional Building, at 915 Middle Drive, just west of the Galleria, and we already have 24 agents. They've come to us from well known local



Broker/owner Steve Pilchick, right, accepts the Pinnacle award from Marty Reuter, president of Weichert Real Estate, at this year's awards banquet. [Photos courtesy of Weichert Realtors-Hallmark Properties]

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December yard sale seeks vendors

Pompano Beach - The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department will host a Neighborhood Yard Sale on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Pompano Beach Preschool, 1400 NE 4 St., Building A.

Spaces are available now. Cost for a space is \$10. Six-foot tables can be purchased for \$20. Space is limited. Space and tables can only be purchased at the Pompano Preschool.

Proceeds from the Neighborhood Yard Sale will go directly towards enhancing the Pompano Beach Preschool. Call 954-786-4180.

Citi Center seeks young artists for December

Pompano Citi Center welcomes performers and artists in the fields of music, dance and band to perform at Citi Center during the month of December. For more information, call Julie Katz at 954-943-4683.

Free produce offered to public

Pompano Beach - State Representative Gwyn Clarke-Reed [D-92] in conjunction with Jack Cory and the Pompano Beach Farmer's Market will distribute free produce to the public.

The event takes place Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Haitian Evangelical Baptist Church, 153 NW 12 St., Pompano Beach. Call 954-786-4848.

Jazz & art fest seeks artists, vendors

Pompano Beach - The Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is seeking artists and craft vendors to participate in the third annual Jazz & Arts Festival, Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Herb Skolnick Community Center, 800 SW 36 Street.

Tables for the Jazz & Arts Festival are on sale now. The cost for a six-foot table is \$15; eight-foot tables, \$20. Call 954-786-4590.

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By Phyllis J. Neuberger

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Monthly Spectacular Saturdays are a big deal at John Knox Village, or JKV, because of the fine talent and entertainment activities director Sara Berkowitz and her committee bring to the Village. Oct. 28 was a very special Spectacular Saturday when Florida Grand Opera, or FGO, arrived. Justin Moss, director of operations and five Young Artists and their accompanist came to perform arias for a packed auditorium of appreciative residents.

"It's becoming an annual event," says Moss. "We're delighted to come up from Miami to perform and see Harriet Mertz and Sam Townsend who are so generous in their support for these talented young people."

Mertz and Townsend beamed with pleasure as the lights dimmed and the highly trained voices of Korean Soprano, Hye Jung Lee, tenor Matthew Maness, soprano Lacy Sauter, tenor Matthew Newlin, and mezzo



The Diva, Harriet Mertz and Sam Townsend share a love of Florida Grand Opera. They work with the opera company and JKV's Sara Berkowitz to bring the Young Artists and their magnificent voices to the Village each year.

soprano Cynthia Cook filled the auditorium and the hearts of the audience. Justin Moss is well known for his one hour pre-opera lecture about the operas being staged each season in both Miami and Fort Lauderdale. On his visit to JKV, he introduced each of the Young Artists, the selection being sung and he explained a bit about its significance in the opera.

Music makes the world go 'round for The Diva

Although being a patron for the Young Artists is a high note in her life, Harriet Mertz, known as The Diva, is

involved in much more.

When she became the volunteer conductor of the Village women's chorus, she pinned a sunflower on her 35 songbirds and renamed the group the NOTE-ables. She leads them in concerts in the Village and outside. They travel by bus to bring their music to churches, clubs and civic groups in Broward and even Palm Beach counties. "I see us as a music filled marketing event showing what fun we have in our Continuing Care Retirement Village," she says.

Mertz's life has been one

filled with music, theater and celebrities. She still gives voice lessons to students in the Master Choral of the Palm Beaches. With a pocket full of degrees, she has sung, taught voice and directed choral groups in Miami, Palm Beaches, Japan and Taiwan.

In her own Electronic Media School in Miami, she instituted the first studio production for Gloria Estefan and her husband, Emilio. She has made a guest appearance with Minnie Pearl in the Grand Old Opera House, but admits "My biggest thrill

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was producing. ‘An Evening with Jerry Herman.’ Through Jerry I met many talented stars. While Andrea McArdle was starring in Annie in Miami, she developed a voice problem. I gave her a voice

lesson over the phone. The second one was in person. I also met Mary Martin when she was starring in Miami and gave her a lesson.”

Mertz moved into JKV in 2007 with her husband John, now deceased. Her talent, generosity and colorful personality have made her a favorite Villager.

Sam Townsend, a music loving microbiologist

A dapper gentleman and member of the JKV Activities Committee, Sam Townsend has been a patron of the FGO since 1996. “I was a career microbiologist for 45 years with the VA Hospital in

Miami,” he says, “but I was always a music lover. I sang in the chorus of FGO and helped with costumes back stage. I liked it so much, I apprenticed back stage and became a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage and Moving Pictures of the U.S. and Canada. “

After retiring, Townsend worked as a professional in the wardrobe department for Broadway and road shows including the *Phantom*, *Nutcracker*, *Starlight Express*, *Cats*, *City of Angels*, *Secret Garden* and more.

Now immersed in an active life at JKV, Townsend serves on many committees and was recently inducted into the 2012 Hall of Fame for his volunteer efforts in the Village. Busy as he is, he never misses a performance of the Florida Grand Opera when the season begins.

A modest man, *The Pelican* just found out, he has paid the health insurance bill for the members of the Young Artists for the past 18 years. It all began when he found one of the performers stumbling around with what turned out to be a broken foot. Townsend says, “He didn’t want to see a doctor because he didn’t have insurance. I took him to see mine and from that season on, I began to pay the insurance for the Young Artists’ in residence each year.”

Hundreds of Village residents thank Activities Director, Sara Berkowitz, for bringing these fine performers to entertain, and Mertz and Townsend for their financial support and encouragement of young talent.

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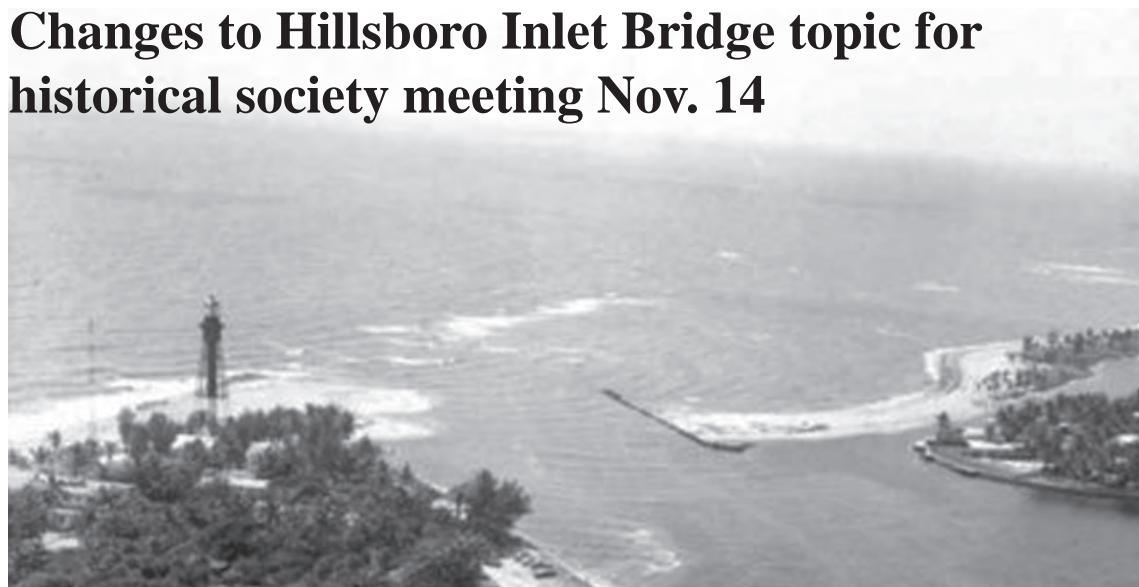
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Changes to Hillsboro Inlet Bridge topic for historical society meeting Nov. 14



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SPECIAL TO THE PELICAN

The Pompano Beach Historical Society's November public program will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Dick & Miriam Hood Center, 17 NE 4 Avenue, Pompano Beach.

The guest speaker will be Louis Friend, construction

project manager for the City of Pompano Beach's Engineering Division. He is currently working on changes that will be made to the Hillsboro Inlet bridge.

Mr. Friend's illustrated presentation will look at the history of the Hillsboro Inlet and how that history was factored into the bridge's new design elements. In particular,

he will examine the roles of the Barefoot Mailman and the Hillsboro Lighthouse in defining the inlet's heritage.

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Brewery and public plaza will anchor OP's Culinary Arts District

By Judy Vik

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Oakland Park – City commissioners took giant steps this week toward enlivening the northern end of a proposed Culinary Arts District in the downtown.

The commission gave unanimous approval to Funky Buddha Brewery Company, an artisan/craftsman micro-brewery at Oakland Park Station, 1201 NE 38 St. They also awarded a contract for construction of a nearby public plaza.

The brewery is seen as the northern anchor of the proposed culinary district.

"This is an effort to revitalize existing buildings and transform them," said Justin Proffitt, senior planner.

Owners of the brewery company plan to renovate the existing warehouse building

into 14,539 square feet of micro-beer brewing space, 3,161 square feet for a tasting space with a bar and 1,200 square feet of administrative office.

The tasting space, less than 20 percent of the business floor area, required commission approval.

The property owner is renovating the inside of the building and doing façade improvements. Windows will be opened so people walking by can see the brewery in operation.

"We're very excited about this. It's a major step forward for Oakland Park downtown," said Jeff Katims, senior associate with the Mellgren Planning Group. "Some of the greatest neighborhoods in the country came about through adaptive re-use."

No live music or outdoor seating is being proposed

yet, he said. There will be no outdoor speakers.

"This is a general purpose production brewery with most of the space for manufacture," said Casey Sentsz, Funky Buddha owner. Ten to 15 beers will be on tap and available for tasting.

"Will you have food or do [patrons] bring their own?" asked Commissioner Suzanne Boisvenue.

Senz said he had no plans for serving food, and he had no problem with people bringing their own.

He said he plans to start with about 10 employees and work up to between 40 to 50.

The applicant's site development plan and business tax receipt are being expedited through the review process and are eligible for development review fee waivers. Commissioners agreed to waive a \$972

development review fee.

A review committee has recommended that a license or lease agreement be required for outdoor seating

on the public plaza. The City Commission would have to approve the agreement.

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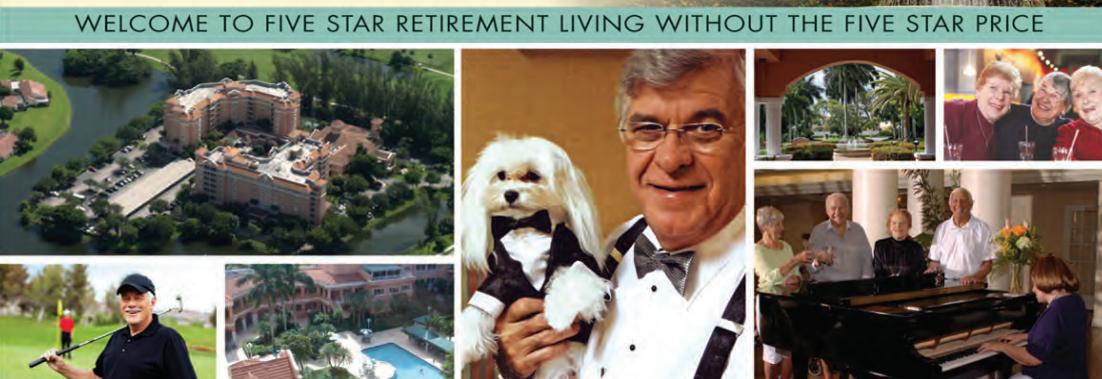
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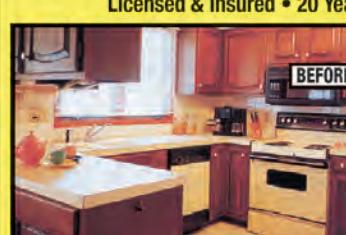
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Fees

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a year to pay for equipment, officials, travel and other expenses not covered by fees. He added that other cities in the county charge between 63 and 160 percent more for their programs.

Some fees in Pompano Beach have not changed since 1989.

Resident Joseph Wells asked commissioners to treat football the same as many other city programs. "We subsidize a lot of stuff in the city," he said. According to last year's city budget, after fees are subtracted, the city still spends about \$80,000 on its tennis center. Recently, the city spent \$148,000 to install an electronic scoreboard and timing system at its aquatics center.

The increases in fees include the cost of youth athletics programs, summer programs, lessons and use of the tennis center, city

pool, baseball and softball fields, basketball courts and pavilions.

Those fees would be incrementally raised over the next two years.

Commissioners voted 4-1 to approve recreational fee increases and, in a separate vote, unanimously decided to reduce the fees for football and cheerleading.

Commissioner Barry Dockswell voted yes on the football and cheerleading decrease but no on the increases on other programs and facilities. He said that he preferred to offer discounts to families in financial need.

Vice Mayor George Brummer was against giving a discount to some families because he thought it would create and an "administrative monster." He added that because of the injuries associated with tackle football, the city should be trying to de-emphasize participation in the sport. "But I don't think price is the way to do it."

The football fee decrease was recommended by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members, who see the reduction as a way to keep youth involved in positive activities and off the street.

According to a study by Dr. Marianne Engle, sports psychologist and clinical assistant professor at the

New York University's Child Study Center, children who are involved in sports experience reduced anxiety and depression and increased self-esteem and psychological well-being.

"In sports kids find a social milieu that can promote a spirit of social interaction, cooperation and

friendship" wrote Engle. She also found that sports help children improve academic performance. Commissioners will vote again on the increases on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at city hall, 100 W. Atlantic Blvd.

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"We look for God's presence wherever we are," Spivey said.

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2. We are spiritual beings, created in God's image. The spirit of God lives within each person; therefore, all people are inherently good.

3. We create our life experiences through our way of thinking.

4. There is power in affirmative prayer, which

we believe increases our awareness of God.

5. Knowledge of these spiritual principles is not enough. We must live them.

Addressing the third principle, Spivey said, "We have power over our own thoughts. We can make ourselves sick or well by the power of our actions. We rely on God as the source of all good possibilities and find a newer level of wellness."

Spivey said Unity attracts people looking and searching for spirituality that's missing in their lives. That's what happened with her.

In order to become a Unity spiritual leader, she completed a 250-hour curriculum of prayer, Bible studies and interpersonal studies through the Unity Institute and

Seminary in Missouri. She also completed additional studies to become a licensed Unity teacher.

She taught at Unity churches in Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale before coming to the Pompano Beach church. Spivey has two grown children, a son and daughter.

Besides being the setting for church services and activities, the sanctuary, with seating for 325, is available for rent. "It's a beautiful facility for weddings and wonderful for concerts," Spivey said. The fellowship hall, which seats 90-100, and a small room with seating for 20-25 also are available for rent.

Currently a group rents

space to conduct "A Course in Miracles" at 7 p.m.

Thursdays, and two AA groups meet at the church.

Sunday services are at 11 a.m. A "Power Hour" of prayer and meditation is set for 9:30 to 10:30.

On Sunday, Nov. 18, a "bountiful banquet" [a potluck dinner] is planned in celebration of Thanksgiving.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, Rev. Dr. Anna Price of the Universal Truth Center will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service.

For more information, call the church office at 954-336-1898 or go online to www.unitypompanobeach.org.

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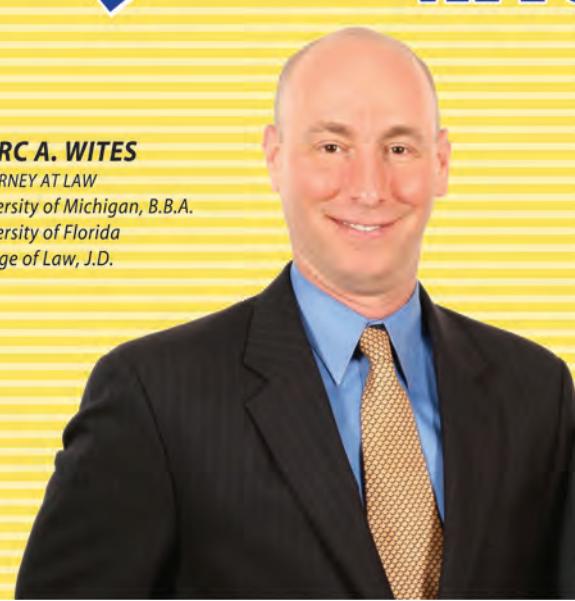
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11-9 - Classical concert followed by a wine and cheese reception at 7:30 p.m. at Assumption Catholic Church, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd., Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. Tickets are \$25 per person and \$30 at the door. 954-941-7647.

11-10 & 17 - Yard sale to benefit the Florida Humane Society from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Humane Society, 3870 N. Powerline Road, Pompano Beach. Donations accepted and vendors wanted. 754-235-2959 or 954-785-2165.

11-10 - Wilton Manors Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive. Free to the public. Cost to vendors is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents for an area the size of a parking space. Multiple spaces can be rented. 954-390-2130.

11-10 - Friends of the Library Book Tent from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive. A wide selection of books and audio and video materials will be available. 954-566-9019.

11-10 - Scott Klusendorf, a pro-life activist, will be the guest speaker at Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale, 2101 W. Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale. The event runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at Calvary's banquet hall. RSVP at 954-946-4380.

11-11 - Veterans Day breakfast and ceremony from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. 954-390-2130

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Cheryl Gregg lives outside of Philadelphia and also had to sell a property remotely. She says, "I looked up Weichert in Fort Lauderdale because I have had satisfactory dealings with them up here. I found Malissa and was quickly confident enough to list the property with her. My brother and I traveled back and forth a few times and found her to be a real advocate who went way beyond expectations to help us. We had an offer on our

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A former upstate New Yorker, Malissa Bellavigna came to Florida 20 years ago and has spent much of her time in Vero Beach. She says she loves Florida and finds life in Fort Lauderdale very exciting. For further information, call 954-990-6497.

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11-11 – Free breakfast for veterans and current members of the military at Courtyard Café, 2211 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Military or veterans ID or other proof of military service must be presented. 954-563-2499.

11-11 – Veterans Day Concert at New Presbyterian Church, located at Pompano Beach High School, 600 NE 13 Ave., at 2 p.m. Free admission. 954-205-2533.

11-11 – Free car wash for veterans and active duty military personnel at Lighthouse Car Wash, 1048 E Sample Road, Pompano Beach, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 954-647-9559.

11-12 – Yoga classes at 10:30 a.m. at Lisa's Healing Center, 4301 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach. Cost is \$10. Classes held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Suitable for all fitness levels and those with disabilities. 954-782-6564.

11-12 – Wilton Manors Business Association meeting at 6 p.m. at Secret Oasis Garden Center and Landscape Design, 3531 N. Andrews Ave., Oakland Park. 954-530-5979.

11-15 – Workshop on helping prevent crime from happening at Pompano Beach Commission Chambers, 100 W. Atlantic Blvd., from noon to 1 p.m. RSVP by calling 954-786-4626.

11-17 – Florida Turkish Festival from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St. Free admission. Visit [www.floridaturkishfestival.org](http://floridaturkishfestival.org) or 786-251-9996.

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ScubaNation spotlights Lauderdale-By-The-Sea as diving mecca

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – Town commissioners unanimously agreed at a recent meeting to provide \$5,000 toward the cost of having ScubaNation, a Miami-based scuba diving show on Fox Sun Sports, air

a show featuring Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

The show airs on Fridays, Sundays and Mondays between April and September. It reaches 9.7 million homes in Florida and also can be seen nationwide by viewers with either DirectTV or Dish Network sports subscription packages, Steve d'Oliveira,

public information officer, told commissioners.

Each new program airs six times over two weeks and can be seen on the ScubaNation.com website.

D'Oliveira credited Rich Barnhart of By the Sea Realty, a scuba diver and LBTS Chamber member, with first approaching ScubaNation

about the possibility of filming here.

When initially approached about the program, some town staffers said they would recommend the commission cover half the show's \$10,000 cost if the business community would raise the other half.

Town businesses already

have made financial commitments of \$4,500, d'Oliveira said. Those who have pledged funds are Aruba Beach Café, 101 Ocean, Village Grille, Gold Coast Scuba and the Windjammer Resort plus \$1,500 from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

This would be Scuba Nation's first show in Broward County.

The show, with its two irreverent dive masters, bills itself as "Jacques Cousteau on Rock-N-Roll."

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By Malcolm McClintock

PELICAN WRITER

Located directly on the waterfront amidst the gently swaying boats of the Lighthouse Point Marina, the Nauti Dawg Café is the ideal place to enjoy a pleasant meal, especially in the mornings.

Although this cozy eatery has an extensive menu that will satisfy the hungriest of patrons at any time of day, the breakfast offerings are sure to please locals and visitors alike.

Operated by three siblings of the Spieker family - Christian, Debbie and Maureen - this quaint dockside eatery, with its idyllic backdrop, is designed to provide hearty fare at affordable prices.



Corned beef hash with seasoned potatoes are perfect with 2 eggs sunny side up and fresh toast. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]

"This is the nicest breakfast in town," says General Manager Chris Frank. "We offer gourmet home-cooked food in a beautiful setting."

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ranean with spinach, feta and hummus.

For those with voracious appetites, the belt-busting "Big Don", named after the family patriarch who had owned and operated the marina since the mid-60's,

features a scrambled skillet of eggs, bacon, diced onions, mushrooms, breakfast potato and cheddar cheese.

Another Nauti Dawg favorite is the classic Eggs Benedict. This great dish features two poached eggs and Canadian bacon on an English muffin with homemade Hollandaise sauce and a choice of breakfast potato, grits or oatmeal. For a spurious dose of healthiness, customers can opt for the Florentine version with spinach and sliced tomatoes.

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ScubaNation

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the location featured in the program.

"The ScubaNation show would highlight the town's great beach diving reputation and our designation as the 'Shore Dive Capital of South Florida,'" d'Oliveira wrote in a report to commissioners. It would feature the SS Copenhagen, a wreck listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Biorock reef, BugFest, Jazz on the Square and hotels, restaurants and dive shops.

Three businessmen in town

ChildNet

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The "Family Fun Festival" allows prospective families and prospective adoptees to spend time with each other before the final adoption.

"It's like the perfect, non-threatening event," said Yasmin Mendoza, ChildNet's specialized adoption supervisor.

Asked what kinds of qualities ChildNet looks for in parents, Mendoza said it all comes down to the situation each child is in. "It's based on the needs of the child, not the strength of the parents," she said.

Elizabeth Wynter, director of community relations for ChildNet, said sometimes it can be tough to find parents to adopt.

"A lot of kids that linger in the foster system are older," she said, adding that seven siblings, ages 3 to 13, were recently adopted by one family. "There are people willing to do that. We just need to find them."

And when a child does find a permanent home, Jessica Samuels, an adoption recruiter with Wendy's Wonderful Kids, which is sponsored by the Dave Thomas Foundation, said it's like a whole new beginning.

"The best part is it's like a brand new them. They completely have a brand new chance," she said.

But even if parents don't adopt a child, Smith emphatically recommends becoming a foster parent.

She added that many people refrain from becoming a foster parent because they don't want their feelings hurt when the child is adopted. "You can't adopt them all but you don't foster for that reason. You foster to help a child in crisis."

urged commissioners to support the funding.

Barnhart said the program would focus on both the town's underwater resources and what happens on land. He said there is tremendous support for the program.

Steve Gagas, general manager of Gold Coast Scuba, described the show as "another incentive for scuba divers to visit the town."

John Boutin, general manager of the Windjammer Resort, said, "This is one more move forward in a progression to keep Lauderdale-By-The-Sea in the eyes of the traveling public. The town is being discovered slowly but surely."

In moving to support the funds, Commissioner Stuart Dodd said, "We couldn't buy advertising for this price."

Shred-a-thon and drug take-back Saturday, Nov. 10

On Saturday, Nov. 10, BSO CyberVisor: Oakland Park District will host a Shred A Thon/Prescription Drug Take Back from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Municipal Building, 5399 N. Dixie Hwy., Oakland Park. Participants can turn in their unwanted medications for a one \$5 gift card, while supplies last. There is also a five box maximum for shredding documents.

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Wilton Manors

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"It makes you feel good because you feel people believe you have been doing a good job

You feel appreciated," said Green. "People feel [Julie and I] have done a good job of running the city."

Green, first elected four years ago, said he wants to focus on improvements to the city's green building code as well as install solar panels on the roof of city hall "if we can find some grant money."

Green also wants to look into persuading the Florida Department of Transportation

[or FDOT] to make Wilton Drive into two lanes. With the city unable to take over and maintain the road on its own, Green thinks FDOT might be willing to make the changes and keep control of the road. "I think the FDOT people are finally growing up a bit."

Carson, who was first elected to serve a two-year term in 2010 after serving as interim commissioner from November of 2008 to February of 2009, also wants to work on Wilton Drive – especially the parking problem that has been a major issue in the city for years.

"We want to get parking finalized and prepare for the future train station. Both visually and infrastructure wise," she said. Wilton Manors is

one of the cities that may get one of the commuter rail stations planned along the Florida East Coast railway.

Carson also wants to keep her focus on protecting neighborhoods as well as streaming commission meetings on the internet, improving outreach to residents and little things, such as increasing the number of garage sales residents are allowed to have per year.

"It's not a big deal but it's something the residents want. It doesn't hurt anybody and does have a potential to bring in some revenue."

Her other major goal was bringing more affordable housing into the city – something both she and White have said they want to work on together.

"One issue Kimber brought up in his campaign was a lack of Workforce Housing. That will be something our city needs to consider and Kimber will be a great asset," Carson said.

Despite losing the election, White said he feels positive

about his campaign and he plans to run again in 2014. "I got almost 600 votes. I'm not upset. I think I brought people's attention to other parts of the city and the economic duress of other parts of the city," he said. "And all four [candidates] were in the race for the good of the community."

In 2014, the mayor's seat and the commission seats currently held by Scott Newton and Ted Galatis will be on the ballot. "Along with Workforce Housing, Kimber wants to see a blight study done along Powerline Road. "The more people living in our city the more money stays in our community," he said.

Torre also commended his opponents on the campaign. "It was a great exchange. I think we all handled ourselves very well."

Asked if he might run in 2014 Torre responded, "My plan is to continue my involvement and just stay very active and we'll see what happens in the future. I'll con-

tinue to move forward. I just enjoy being involved."

Green, Carson and Mayorary Resnick, who ran unopposed, will be sworn-in at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, at 6 p.m. before the 7 p.m. city commission meeting.

Food for Fines

Oakland Park – The Oakland Park Library, 1298 NE 37 St., will be accepting non-perishable, non-expired food donations in lieu of library fines. Lost items cannot be cleared.

One item will take care of any fines of \$5 or less; two items \$5 to \$9.99; four items \$10 to \$14.99; six items \$15 to \$19.99 and eight items \$20 to \$39.99. Examples of accepted items are canned goods, soup, rice, cooking oil, dry pasta, beans, cereal, peanut butter, tuna, oatmeal, grits, baby food and powdered milk.

For more information, call 954-630-4374.

Baby Dylan fundraiser

Pompano Beach – There will be a fundraiser for Dylan, who is battling cancer, on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 12 to 3 p.m. at Leading Lady Fitness, 1616 S. Cypress Road, Pompano Beach. There will be bounce houses, face painting, hip hop dancing, a Pompano Beach fire truck, raffle prizes, a silent auction and more. For more information, call 954-650-1041 or 954-545-4601.

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Deerfield

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a "great attraction at no cost to the city." Behan also met this week with the Deer Creek Improvement Association to explain the project. The area in Constitution Park designated for the band shell abuts several Deer Creek residences.

Commissioner Bill Ganz, whose district includes the park said, "This will be a wonderful addition to our west area."

Gambling hotline producing more tips

Deerfield Beach – The BSO hotline set up to receive tips on gambling activities within youth sport leagues has generated more than 100 callers since nine football coaches were arrested last week and charged with felony bookmaking. Following a press conference at which the hotline number, 954-888-5259, was announced, Police Chief Pete Sudler said people have been calling with more tips on what may be illegal actions. "This investigation is not over," the chief said.

BSO's undercover work to infiltrate the South Florida Football League resulted in the arrest of one Deerfield Beach man and eight others who were placing bets on the outcome of youth league football games. The operation began after ESPN aired a show last year that indicated coaches from the Deerfield Packer Rattlers were involved. The local coach, Darren Bostic, was charged with bookmaking that occurred in 2011. He did not coach here this year.

Because of that show, city commissioners passed an ordinance requiring anyone working with young people at the city's athletic fields to undergo Level 2 background checks. This week, BSO Lt. Frank Ballante said, "This story is not about the police work. The real story is that the city took a stance. Once you implement the rules, it is easy to clean up the mess. Cities are now requesting we send them the Deerfield ordinance."

Where to bring Fido to frolic

Deerfield Beach – Three more pet-friendly parks, all in the Waterford area, were approved by commissioners this week. Added to a list of six parks where domestic pets can play is Crystal Height Park north, central and south. The parks are located at 2601 SW

10 Dr., 1333 SW 24 Terr., and 1459 SW 28 Ave. Already on the list are Deer Run Estates, 301 SW 31 Ave., Cedar Park, 1901 SW 15 St., Mayo Howard, 1131 FAU Research Blvd., the median and park at 451 SE 19 Ave., and the Villages of Hillsboro North, 4111 NW 6 St.

Dogs must be leashed and under control and are not allowed in food concessions, in water, gardens, community centers, playgrounds, athletic fields or on the beach.

Learn how to save the planet, earn recycling points

Deerfield Beach – Residents can earn 200 recycling points good for deals at local businesses by attending the 14th annual celebration of America Recycles Day Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Publix in

Hillsboro Square, noon to 7 p.m., 150 S. Federal Highway.

Attendees will take a pledge to recycle more, buy recycled products and help to reduce waste. Members of the city's recycling division will be on hand to answer questions about the new recycling cart – what goes into it and how to earn points for the recycling incentive program.

Veterans Day concert

Pompano Beach – New Presbyterian Church will host a concert "Duty, Honor, Country," on Sunday, Nov. 11 at Pompano Beach High School, 600 NE 13 Ave., at 2 p.m. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. For more information, visit www.newpres.org or call 954-205-2533.

Blessing of new fire truck in Lauderdale-By-The Sea, 11/13

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – The Town's new fire engine will officially be placed into service Tuesday after it is blessed and town officials take part in a traditional ceremony where the truck will be "pushed" into the station.

The event is set for 6:30 p.m. at the town's fire station on Bougainvillea Drive adjacent to Town Hall, 4501 N. Ocean Drive. The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

The town purchased the \$325,000 fire engine pumper for the Volunteer Fire Department which provides fire suppression service in town.

After local pastors and a rabbi bless the vehicle, the mayor and commissioners will clean the wheel wells and then symbolically push the 25-ton truck into the station while a firefighter/driver backs it up using the motor.

The tradition of pushing a truck into the station dates to the 1800s, when horses pulled fire wagons. After returning from a fire, the horses would be unlatched, and community members would help firefighters push the wagon back into the station.

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Sun., Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

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Lecture

**Thurs., Nov. 15 at 1:30
p.m. - Consuming Our
Way to Recovery** at the Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium - Lecture by Elizabeth Cohen, Dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard. In the years after World War II, Americans believed that a consumer society would lead to widespread prosperity; will that work today? Tickets at 561-297-3185 or fau.edu/lis.osullivan.

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Exhibits

Thurs., Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

at the Ritter Art Gallery - Opening Reception for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Graduates in Visual Arts Exhibition. Exhibition runs through December 7, closed for the Thanksgiving holidays. Free and open to the public. Information: 561-297-2966 or www.fau.edu/galleries

Brewery

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Contract awarded or public plaza

In a related development, commissioners OK'd a request from the property owner for abandonment and vacation of two dedicated parcels on the Oakland Park Station plat. In exchange, the city gets 7,424 square feet of private property for a public plaza outside the building.

Commissioners unanimously approved a \$324,260 contract with MBR Construction, Inc. for construction of the Oakland Station Plaza in front of the building along the north side of NE 38 Street.

Calvin, Giordano & Associates was retained to design the plaza, including installation of landscape, hardscape, decorative light poles and pavers.

Plans call for planting crepe myrtles and shrub beds along NE 38 Street and adding hearty vegetation similar to that already on NE 12 Avenue. An 8-foot-wide veranda will be added for bistro tables. The area could accommodate 24 tents or be used for food trucks.

The plaza project will be funded as part of the \$800,000 Redevelopment Capital [RCP] loan-to-grant funds budgeted for Fiscal year 2013 for NE 12 Avenue street-ends and the Oakland Station Plaza.

A ground-breaking ceremony is set for 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, at the Oakland Station Building, NE 38 Street and NE 12 Avenue. Work will begin simultaneously on the building facade, interior work for Funky Buddha Brewery and the public plaza. Anticipated opening is early February 2013.

Future plans for the building include a European market and possible restaurants.

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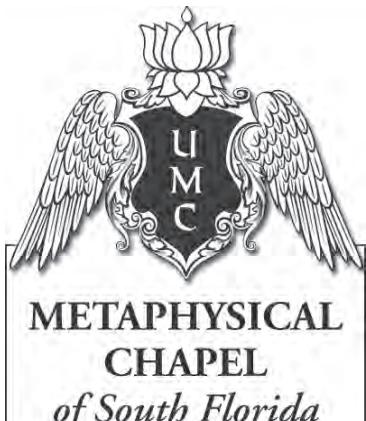
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The weather was perfect this week for the sailfish bite. We had offshore winds most of the week and fielded numerous calls from boats catching between two and 20 sailfish per day.

Some of the guys were slow trolling live baits out of the riggers and others were flying fishing kites to catch the sailfish. Most guys fish goggle eyes or pilchards for their bait of choice but this week quite a few sailfish were caught on mullet.

Loads of mullet have been migrating south along our coast. If you are low on funds or you just can't find any live bait, don't be afraid to net a handful of mullet. Plenty of fish, not just sailfish, get caught on mullet all of the time. The best depth has been in 130 ft. of water and the best of the bite seemed to be right off of the Boynton Inlet.

As for the swordfish, I fished on a boat out of Miami Beach Marina on Saturday. It was a great day. We caught a 400 lb. pumpkin swordfish.



RJ Boyle, left, and Jason Boyle proudly show off their latest catch.

A pumpkin swordfish has salmon colored meat and is considered by some to be a delicacy. The color of the

meat is caused by eating red deepwater shrimp. Let's just say, I had some great meals this week. Until next time.

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Pompano Beach Fishing Pier Reopens partially

The Pompano Fishing Pier will partially re-open today after initial assessments have determined the pier is safe for public use. The far east octagon section will remain closed until the damaged railings have been replaced. An in-depth assessment of the long term life of the pier will be conducted in the future.

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Further Out

12-8 & 9 – Christmas craft sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 3331 NE 10 Terrace, Pompano Beach. Vendors wanted. 954-941-8117.

12-15 – Spiritual Health Fair from 10 to 4 p.m. at Bridges of Wellness, 1881 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors. Event includes gift drawings every

half hour. 954-530-6006.

1-25 & 26 – Go SOLAR Fest from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday at Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Visit www.broward.org/gogreen/gosolar.

Fridays

Pompano Proud meets every second Friday of the month at McNab Park, 2250 E. Atlantic Blvd., from 8:30

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Friday, Nov. 9	Monday, Nov. 12	Thursday, Nov. 15
High 3:45 AM	Low 12:02 AM	Low 2:34 AM
Low 9:53 AM	High 6:33 AM	High 9:07 AM
High 4:02 PM	Low 12:33 PM	Low 3:05 PM
Low 10:20 PM	High 6:41 PM	High 9:17 PM
Saturday, Nov. 10		
High 4:44 AM	Low 12:52 AM	This Week's Tide
Low 10:49 AM	High 7:24 AM	Tables should not be
High 4:57 PM	Low 1:23 PM	used for navigational
Low 11:11 PM	High 7:33 PM	purposes.
Sunday, Nov. 11		
High 5:39 AM	Low 1:42 AM	Boaters should confirm
Low 11:42 AM	High 8:16 AM	tides with the Coast
High 5:49 PM	Low 2:14 PM	Guard Weather Station
	High 8:24 PM	Information taken from
		www.saltwatertides.com

Dr. Ray McAllister honored at Lighthouse ceremony



Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society President Art Makenian recognizes Dr. Ray McAllister's contributions to the Hillsboro Lighthouse.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society (HLPS) recognized the late Dr. Ray McAllister for his contributions to the Hillsboro Lighthouse, in a private ceremony on the lighthouse grounds.

HLPS volunteers arrived early in the day to clean up the grounds, which were strewn with debris from Hurricane Sandy.

When the weather cleared for the afternoon ceremony,

Ray's children, Keith, Karen and Kevin, daughter-in-law Terri, granddaughter Cristin, and HLPS members and friends were on hand to share their memories of Dr. Ray's involvement with the lighthouse. Three bricks were placed on the commemorative brick patio in his honor.

HLPS members thanked Brick Markers USA for expediting the engraving process so that the bricks were completed in time for the ceremony.

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to 11 a.m. Every second Sunday the group meets at Galuppi's, 1103 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach, at 6 p.m. 954-562-3232.

The Pompano Beach Rotary Club meets Fridays at 12:15 p.m. at Galuppi's, 1103 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach. 954-786-3274.

Art Gallery 21 is open every Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. The gallery, located at the Woman's Club of Wilton Manors, 600 NE 21 Court, features various artwork from various artists across the State of Florida. Admission is free. Visit www.canawm.org for more information.

Choir members needed

Pompano Beach – St. Coleman Church, 1200 S. Federal Hwy., is looking for new choir members both young and old to fill out its ranks. The choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the church and sings at 11 a.m. on Sundays during mass. For more information, call 954-722-2542.



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Ashley Denhard of Pompano Beach brought along daughter Sydney, 19 months, as Ashley voted Tuesday at the Brazilian Baptist Church in Cresthaven. She said she saw the long lines for early voting and figured there would be less of a wait on Election Day. She was right. By mid-day, there were no lines and no waiting. [Staff photo by Judy Vik]

Veterans get free car wash on Nov. 11



Once Again Lighthouse Car Wash will be giving free car washes to Veterans and Active Duty personnel on Veterans Day Nov 11, 2012. It is a national program; last year over 1400 car washes participated by giving away over 119,000 washes last year. Once again they will be working with both the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 133 and the Disabled American Veterans, Auxiliary Unit #133. [Staff photo 2011]

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our customers, including our friends from the North, will be thrilled with the high quality of their food."

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As a bonus, "we start serving wine, mimosas and other great champagne cocktails

at 7 am. It's also the time we begin selling beer at the dockhouse so that boaters can stock up before heading out for a day on the water," says Christian who would like to remind people that they can pull their boats right up to the restaurant if so desired.

Most breakfast options are under \$10, lunch salads and sandwiches under \$13 while Certified Angus Beef burgers, hot dawgs and dinner entrées start at \$6.50. "We focus on fresh Florida seafood. In fact, our fish is delivered fresh every day and we have great daily specials as well," adds Christian. "We will also be updating our menu 4 times a year in order to offer seasonal variety."

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Picatta, blackened dolphin, shrimp quesadillas and skirt steak for \$12 along with \$5 wines. Take-out is offered and there is plenty of free parking. Live music is presented on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Of course, nice dogs are welcomed on the expansive patio and water bowls are provided.

For a sweet surprise, "we have phenomenal homemade desserts such as hot apple pie à la mode and our Southern bread pudding with white & dark chocolates, dried cherries, and served warm with bourbon sauce," says Debbie.

Friendly atmosphere, great food and lovely Intracoastal views make the Nauti Dawg a fantastic choice for a satisfying waterfront meal. It is indeed a great spot to paws for some fetching culinary treats!

Diamond Strike fun



Diamond Strike staff members in front of one of the bowling alley's newly renovated lanes. Along with the lanes, Diamond Strike's owners remodeled the kitchen, bar, arcade room and added a new VIP lounge, televisions and more. "We're making it very family friendly," said Debbie Feder, sales manager. Pictured are Debbie, bottom left, Mary Betts, Evelyn Picazio and Brooks Betts. For more information visit www.diamondstrikelanes.com or call 954-941-0968.

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