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Couple make their holiday bright by giving away toys

By Judy Vik

PELICAN WRITER

POM PANO BEACH – About 5,000 people are expected to turn out for the 16th annual “Holiday in the Park” celebration Saturday, Dec. 15, at Mitchell Moore Park, 901 NW 10 St.

The event, from noon to 4 p.m., is aimed at bringing the community closer together, according to Henry (Skip) Greene, vice president of Pass the Blessings Foundation.

Greene and his wife Lois started the non-profit foundation, which she heads as president.

“We’ve been blessed in our lives. The only way to say thank you is to pass the blessings,” Skip said, explaining the group’s origins.

They invite all area residents to come out and “enjoy the day.” Admission is free for the family event, featuring entertainment, food and toy giveaways. Toys will be given to children from infants to seven-year-olds. The Greens travel the community year-round to gather the toys.

Santa will arrive on a Pompano Beach city fire truck, escorted by Miami Dolphins’ cheerleaders. The Ballet Brika West African Dance Theater will be among the entertainers.

For about 10 years the Greens have provided the toys and beverages for the annual holiday event. Now they are looking for others to help, Skip said. For the past three years they have handed out 2,000 toys per event.

“That’s a blessing, and any toys that are left we take to children in hospitals and to shut-ins, who couldn’t make it to the celebration,” he said.

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Divers along with dozens of remora fish share a morning swim with this 35-foot whale shark that came within one mile of the Pompano Beach shore on Sunday morning. [Photos courtesy of Craig Dietrich and Pompano Dive Center]

Divers record experience of a lifetime and photograph a gentle giant

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

POM PANO BEACH - The diving community suffered a huge blow on Thanksgiving Day when a 45-foot catamaran that carried 23 people, both

divers and children, capsized at the Hillsboro Inlet.

One person died.

The same community continues to grieve. Craig Dietrich, an underwater photographer, was among them.

Then a spectacular event occurred

on Sunday about 10:30 a.m., an event that reminded those who dive the ocean what draws them to the sport.

Three boats were out over the Captain Dan Wreck, a diving spot less

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Israel open to Wilton Manors BSO merger; WMPD postpones asking for proposal until January

By Michael d’Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

WILTON MANORS – Sheriff-elect Scott Israel is open to the possibility of the Broward Sheriff’s Office [BSO] taking over law enforcement duties in Wilton Manors.

Ron Gunzburger, speaking on

behalf of Israel at the city commission meeting Tuesday night, said BSO would welcome a contract with Wilton Manors as long as it was beneficial to both entities. “We will come anywhere and everywhere we are wanted,” said Gunzburger, who has been appointed by Israel to run BSO’s legal office when the sheriff-

elect takes over in January.

Pushing the BSO takeover is the Wilton Manors Police Department [WMPD] where officers say switching would save the city \$4 million over three years.

The police had planned to ask

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Divers

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than a mile off the coast of Pompano Beach.

Dietrich, aboard the *Sea Dog*, the Pompano Dive Center boat, and the rest of the crew heard captains relaying messages about a whale shark cavorting in the area.

"Nobody believed it," he said.

Then the captain of the *Miss Conduct* radioed that a whale shark was by his boat. He called, "We got three divers in the water and no

photographers. Nobody will believe this."

It didn't take long for Dietrich and his camera to hook up with the *Sea Pup* and *Miss Conduct* and join divers already in the water with the whale shark.

"When the whale made one pass, we thought it was amazing, but he kept coming back. I think he was curious," said Dietrich.

The giant fish played with the group for 45 minutes before he headed out to sea.

But he left behind a number of divers who had experienced a spiritual event that will last a lifetime.



Shark & Awe - The whale shark enjoys a little watery romp with local divers. [Above] Here he seeks the light.

"You know you are seeing something that is very rare. It was incredible to be less than a foot away from the gentleness of a 35-foot fish," he said. "The largest living fish."

Had it been a fearful

adventure?

"Oh no," said Dietrich. "The only danger from this fish would be its seven-foot tail fin. They are plankton

eaters, and there is zero danger. They would have to gum you for about a couple of hours before you get a scratch."

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Pompano High pitcher headed to Stetson

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Playing college baseball at a Division 1 school is Tyler Keller's dream, but getting there took

a family effort.

Tyler, 17, a senior at Pompano Beach High School, recently signed with Stetson University and will pitch for the school next summer.

"We gave up family



Keller

vacations because we were on the road with him," said Arlene Keller, Tyler's mom. Tyler's summers consisted mainly of playing in the Palm

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President's Box at Kennedy Center - Pelican staff writer Phyllis J. Neuberger enjoys *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*, the musical from Kennedy Center's Box No. 1, which is normally reserved for the President of the United States and guests. Neuberger spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Washington, D.C. with her family. She called the experience at the Kennedy Center a "once in a lifetime" event arranged by her son-in-law Laurence Jacobson.



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Sleek, new Deerfield pier buildings will be dedicated next week

By Judy Wilson

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DEERFIELD BEACH – The long-awaited opening of the International Fishing Pier entry way is Friday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. Under construction for most of this year and in discussion for many months before that, this public structure will not disappoint beachgoers. From almost every angle, there are spectacular views of the ocean, the pier and the beach, delivered from buildings that are modern, elegant and understated.

Costing close to \$5.5 million when fully completed, the pier will connect the north and south beach walkway and add a 2,600 square-foot beachfront restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining, a second-story observation deck, spacious bait house, information center, parking



Mayor Peggy Noland and Assistant City Manager Keven Klopp stand beneath the colorful sails that will shade the pier walkway and diners on the patio. The patio faces the ocean. [Staff photos]

for 24 vehicles and a lookout station for ocean rescue and BSO personnel. An arbor planted in flowering shrubs shelters the sidewalk approach to the entryway.

The front of the building is enhanced by the presence of two, seven-foot tarpon sculptures, acquired at the insistence of Mayor Peggy Noland, from a former beach restaurant owner. The sculptures are, noticeably, the city's first public art installations except for the occasional deer shapes placed in the medians. They were created by Boynton Beach sculptor Ed Carey.

Architects are Garcia Stromberg. General contractor is Stiles Corporation. At the commission's insistence,

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Fort Lauderdale – Florida's Singing Sons Boychoir will open their 37th season with their Holiday concert "A Concert of Readings and Carols" at Second Presbyterian Church; 1400 N. Federal Hwy., Ft. Lauderdale, on Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8. Both performances are at 8 p.m. and feature a candlelight procession. Join the Singing Sons at one of their most popular concerts as they celebrate the season with carols old and new. For tickets or more information, call 800-838-3006 or visit fssb.brownpapertickets.com.

Correction

In the Nov. 23 article "Local blogger highlights the not-so-cute animals" Stephanie Sonju's name was spelled incorrectly. *The Pelican* regrets the error.

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Pompano Beach – Have fun like this youngster did at last year's Yuletide on Atlantic. This year's event will be held Friday, Dec. 7. The parade will start at 6 p.m. at Pompano Beach Community Park, 1001 N. Federal Hwy., and festivities will kick up immediately following the parade and will include games, crafts, entertainment, caroling and a light show. Have your camera charged and ready to go as the city welcomes Santa's big arrival to kick off the holiday season. Interested in participating in the Yuletide parade this year? Visit www.mypompanobeach.org or call 954-746-4111.

Pastorius tribute tomorrow

Oakland Park – Main Street will present "A Tribute to Jaco" from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Federal Hwy.

The evening will feature live music by Le Bron Jams with Julius Pastorius & Friends; pop rock by the Marcel Salas Trio; and progressive metal by The Neolythic with segments of their new album, "March of a Thousand Sons."

Guests will get a sneak peek at an upcoming "Jaco Pastorius Documentary" produced by Robert Trujillo and the Pastorius family. For more information, call 754-214-0041 or visit www.oaklandparkmainstreet.com.

Pier

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the pier buildings have been constructed to meet LEED requirements which means they are energy efficient, use materials that reduce greenhouse emissions and provide healthy indoor spaces. Such certification requires constant oversight and does increase construction costs, Assistant City Manager Keven Klopp said.

On a tour of the new facility this week, both Klopp and Mayor Noland were smiling. "I like making things better," Klopp said. "And this is so much better than

before."

Noland, who has been a constant overseer of the project and who just this week stalled a contract for the pier restaurant on the grounds it did not meet the city's criteria said, "I am so proud to have been able to be a part of this. I have absolutely no words to express that."

The Celebrations

Dec. 7 - Pier ribbon cutting and dedication at 6 p.m. Public is invited. Light refreshments and tours of the new buildings. Pier is on A1A at NE 2 Street.

Dec. 7 - 7 p.m., free concert performed by the Florida Army Reserve Band at the main beach



Beachside view of the upper observation deck.

parking lot, 149 SE 21 Ave., in recognition of Pearl Harbor Day. A reception for veterans will be held before the concert. Refreshments will be for sale. Attendees should bring chairs for seating.

Dec. 8 - 5 p.m., the city will light its holiday tree in The Cove Shopping Center, 1550 E. Hillsboro Blvd. Santa arrives at 6 p.m. There will be photo ops, live reindeer, snow flurries and

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Briefs

Light up MLK, Dec.1

Pompano Beach - The public is invited to be part of the Annual Light Up MLK on Sat. Dec. 1 at the Annie Adderly Gillis Park, 601 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for holiday festivities.

Enjoy free hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas, decorating a holiday cookie and packing a real snowball for a toss. The event includes musical and dance performances by local community performers.

Santa Claus will offer candy and listen to children's requests. Light Up MLK is sponsored by the city and the Community Redevelopment Agency. For more information call 954-786-7824.

Commuter rail station meeting

Wilton Manors - City officials will hold a meeting to discuss the future of the Florida East Coast Railway commuter project in South Florida on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall, 2020 Wilton Drive.

Officials are trying to get state and transportation officials to choose Wilton Manors as one of the cities that will get a commuter rail station. Officials will also discuss new parking areas, a grant the city received for Dixie Highway and recent rezoning changes. For more information, call 954-390-2180.

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Fire fighter terminated for TP incident

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

POM PANO BEACH - Now the reference is the "Obama Toilet Paper" incident, and dozens of Pompano Beach residents turned up Tuesday night to reiterate their demands for firing "somebody."

Three weeks ago, a roll of toilet paper with President Obama's face printed on it was placed in a stall at Fire Station 103 in Cresthaven.

The incident was reported to the fire administration and an investigation ensued.

NAACP president Willie Lawson called for "firing" the fire fighter, Clint Pierce, and demanded the commission send a letter of apology to the President.

Vincente Thrower asked for an outside investigation and referred to the incident as a "hate" crime.

Beverly Perkins said, "Racism is not new, and it's getting worse." Following

Perkins' comments, the crowd chanted for the instigator at the fire department to be fired.

Mayor Lamar Fisher asked that a letter be mailed to the White House with an apology for the incident.

On Thursday, news broke that fire fighter, Clint Pierce, 50, was terminated, effective today, Nov. 30, based on "conduct unbecoming of an employee of the city and fire department."

Pierce had made an apology to the city and fire

department, but Fire Chief Harry Small wrote that while the apology was "appreciated, it [did] little to undo the wide-spread damage to the city and the fire department organization."

Small noted that the incident resulted in "a community outcry, negative national news coverage and a severe diversion of the city and fire department away from their important job duties."

Israel

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the commission to request a proposal from BSO at Tuesday's meeting but decided to wait until January.

WMPD Sgt. Chuck Howard, speaking for the police, said the next move is to meet with Israel's people "just to let them know what page we're on."

But before any changes can be made residents will have to be asked what they think.

In January, voters overwhelmingly passed a referendum requiring that they vote on any proposal to switch to BSO or any other law enforcement agency.

But on Tuesday, residents were already giving their opinions and it was a mix of yes, no and maybe.

"I actually prefer a smaller police agency," said resident Michael Rajner, who added though that he would like to see more oversight of the police department.

"I'm not in favor of BSO. I'm in favor of a proposal by BSO," said resident and business owner Nick Berry.

Resident Richard Oberer said his house has been broken into twice in the last

six months and it took police 34 minutes to respond to a call at his neighbor's house. According to a brochure disseminated by the police, there are a maximum of two patrol officers on duty at any given time.

Resident Paul Kuta said that he doesn't think the city will save any money over the long run and that it could find itself in a "bind" a few years down the road.

Two years ago Pompano Beach officials, unhappy with rising BSO costs, explored the possibility of restarting the city's independent police force.

Pompano city staff estimated personnel costs would be cheaper by going back to an independent department but that the city would have to spend \$13.9 million on one time expenses such as police cars and other

equipment. But the extra costs were too much and the city stuck with BSO.

But despite the mix of opinions at Tuesday's meeting, Kuta added that he thinks voters will reject any proposal.

"I think that our local officers are completely misrepresenting the attitude of local residents if they think that a proposal for a BSO takeover would be approved in a voters referendum," he said.

The ultimate decision,

however, would still rest with the commission, which has expressed a desire to keep the status quo.

Commissioners would also decide if the issue is put on the ballot. If commissioners decide against it the city charter allows police to bypass the commission and force a vote. To do so they need to get a petition signed by 2,000 [20 percent] of the city's registered voters.

"We might have to go the harder route," said Howard.

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PELICAN STAFF

POMPANO BEACH - "We scored a touchdown all right," beams Charles Lee who has been a volunteer coach to the Pompano Cowboys for 13 years. "There are no words to express how proud I am of my Cowboys. These seven, eight and nine-year-old boys played hard to become Super Bowl Champs of the South Florida Youth League, and they are as thrilled as I am to put a trophy on the shelf at McNair Park Clubhouse, our home. After 13 years of volunteering, this is a first big win for me and my team."

Lee is a truck driver who loves football. He says, "I



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played football back more years than I care to remember, and I never lost my love for the game. I started to coach in 1999 because I wanted to give back and I also wanted to help keep the kids off the streets. A lot of my boys have gone on to college. I see them now and then and am proud of these grown men. We talk a

little bit and move on." "The boys sign up at the park. Sure, some of them are more talented than others, but they all get to play and cheer each other on as a team. Learning how to be a team player is the best lesson we can teach them. They have to be dedicated, and so do their parents."

One of those dedicated parents is Keisha Williams who says, "As a single parent

who is also new in town, I felt my son, Austin, needed to be around a man and sports. He's just seven, but he was eager to sign on with the Cowboys and he loved it. He's floating on air like all the boys, but he knows his team will not always be champions. Coach Lee is tough, but caring. He's been a great male role model for Austin. As for Austin, I must say he's learned how to be part of a team and to

survive vigorous training." Training for the 19 members of the Cowboys begins at summer camp which starts in March and runs through July. The kids train three to four times a week. Competition begins in August and practice from 5:30 to 8 p.m. happens five days a week until December. During the regular season The Pompano Cowboys beat the best, racking up the following wins:

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- East Boynton Wildcats 7 - 6;
- Western Tigers 12 - 0;
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Musicians hoping to keep their charitable event alive

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

LIGHTHOUSE POINT— The Barefoot Elves lost their front man, lead guitarist, singer and booker last year when Thom Welte died of a heart condition. Welte was well-known in local music

circles and put together three other musicians to form the band, The Circle of Trust. Five years ago, he and acoustic bass player Ken Gruneisen decided to do an annual concert just before Thanksgiving to benefit Kids in Distress [KID]. They called it a Barefoot Elves event



because Welte had just cut a Christmas CD using assorted friends and musicians. The “giving thanks” concerts feature various local groups who perform for free. For fans, the price of admission is \$10 and a can of food. The

gate goes to KID. The food to All Saints’ soup kitchen.

Last year the concert did very well. It was also a tribute to Welte and attracted many people from the music industry.

With Welte gone, The

Circle of Trust has become a trio managed by Gruneisen with Jess Egan on guitar and Pat Kregor on drums. Gruneisen has incorporated the Elves as a not-for-profit organization. This year’s concert, held Nov. 20 at The Green Room near the Riverwalk in Fort Lauderdale, attracted about 100 people. On stage with Gruneisen’s trio were the JD Danner Band and The Long Run, an Eagles’ tribute band.

But free venues for the KID concert are becoming difficult to find and this week Gruneisen said the Elves’ future is uncertain. A financial planner in Lighthouse Point, he is looking to the LHP Chamber of Commerce for inspiration. Nine years ago, the fledgling chamber held its first Taste of LHP. That event has become a raging success and Gruneisen would like to think of this as a road map for his trio.

The Circle of Trust can be heard throughout the year at local night spots. Except during football season, they are regulars every Thursday at Toucans on the boardwalk in Hollywood. They also play the Seaside Grill on 14th Street in Pompano Beach, O’Connor’s Pub, the Pittsburg Steelers’ Eastside Pub, Boston’s in Delray. But without their booker Welte, the gigs are dropping off. “We’re available,” Gruneisen says of his trio. For bookings, call 954-242-6787.

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Sewer rates finally approved for Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA – After nearly a year of trying, town commissioners this week approved an ordinance setting sewer rates in the south end of town.

With the changes, the average single-family homeowner who uses 8,000 gallons of water a month will see a rate increase of 20 percent. The bill goes from \$42.57 to \$51.27.

The vote on the ordinance was 4-1, Vice Mayor Scot Sasser dissenting. “Overall fixed costs went down significantly,” said Tony Bryan, finance director, explaining the changes.

To determine the bill, you have to look at all three pieces of the rate: the fixed charge, customer service charge of \$1.31 and the volumetric charge, Town Manager Connie Hoffmann said.

Under the new rate structure, single-family homeowners will pay a little more; multi-family homeowners and hotel owners will pay much, much less, and restaurants will pay more, Bryan said.

“The reason rates went up is that residents told us they’d

rather pay for what they use,” Hoffmann said.

With the new rate structure, the base facility charge for a single-family home decreases from \$14.92 to \$8.92. The base charge for multi-family residential decreases from \$14.26 per unit to \$3.68. And commercial units went from \$16.33 to

\$8.92. Revenues collected will decline by 10 percent, Bryan said. These changes apply only to those residences and businesses from Pine Avenue south. Three cities are involved in providing sewer service to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

LBTS owns sewer lines in the south end, south of Pine Avenue. The City of Pompano Beach owns sewer lines in the north end of town, and bills residents directly. The town contracts with Fort Lauderdale to handle billing for sewer service in the south end of town.

The town has a Master

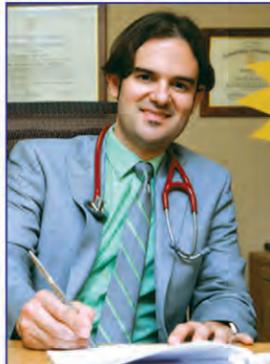
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The town hired a consultant, Mike Burton of Burton & Associates, to develop a plan after

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Pompano Beach Municipal Golf Course redesign slowed by weather

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

POMPANO BEACH—Golfers itching to tee-off on the new Greg Norman-designed Pines Course at the Municipal Golf Course will have to wait a little bit longer. Originally scheduled to open earlier this month, the course is now set to open Jan. 1.

“Because of the cold weather everything else has been delayed,” said Scott

Moore, recreation manager for Pompano’s Parks and Recreation Department. Moore said before players are allowed on the course the city wants to give the grass some additional time to grow. The official grand opening is scheduled for Jan. 18.

To spruce up the aging Pines Course, the city hired Greg Norman Golf Course Design, based in West Palm Beach, for \$3 million.

Norman said the redesign

won’t make any major changes to the 18-hole course. Instead, the focus is on making the course more maintenance friendly. Founded in 1987, Norman’s company has built and rebuilt 70 private and public golf courses but this is the first municipal one.

With an estimated 90,000 rounds of golf played each year on the course, city officials are hoping the famous pro-golfer’s efforts bring more golfers and increase economic activity in the area and at the course itself. Visit www.mypompanobeach.org for more information.

Obituary Jeff Munsell, well-known mail carrier, generous spirit

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

DEERFIELD BEACH- Jeff Munsell will be eulogized next week by the people whose mail he delivered, the people for whom he did nice things and American Legionnaires around the state. A postal carrier here for 18 years, Munsell, 65, was killed Nov. 25 at the intersection of University Drive and Commercial Blvd. in Tamarac while riding his motorcycle.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, 1 to 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 701 NE 2 Street. Four to five hundred people are expected to attend.

Active in a number of good causes, Munsell was known for his smiling demeanor. His friend of 15

years, Post Office Manager Richard Boyle said, “He always had a positive attitude. He was always in a good mood. He was extremely well liked by his postal family. This is a big loss to the community.”

Munsell often took charge of the post office annual food drive in May and took great pride in the amount of canned goods donated along his route #41015, the neighborhoods around city hall, SE 6 Avenue and SE 10 Street.

He was also involved with the postal service toy drive locally, working with guidance counselors at Deerfield Beach Elementary School where he delivered the mail for a decade. According to Assistant Principal Drew Gerlach, Munsell coordinated the effort, buying the gifts, wrapping and delivering them to the school. He also volunteered at the Pompano Beach Seafood Fest and did fund raising for veterans through his American Legion membership.

It was at the Legion that Munsell gave so much of himself. He belonged to Post

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Lighthouse Point merchants hope discount card will help boost local shopping

By Michael d'Oliveira
 PELICAN STAFF

LIGHTHOUSE POINT— Millie Walsh does everything she can to shop locally, and she gets others to do the same. And now, residents here have one more reason to heed her advice.

The Lighthouse Point Chamber of Commerce recently unveiled its *Shop the Point* discount card program.

"It's about keeping money local," said Walsh, who owns Body & Soul Boutique, located in the Shoppes at Beacon Light, and serves as the president of the Beacon Light Merchants Association. "If we buy everything online we won't have any local shops left."

The card, mailed to each residence in the city, allows its users to save money on everything from yacht brokerage fees to gym memberships to auto repairs. There are even a few freebies offered. So far, 40 businesses have signed up. With no cost to join, all a business owner has to do to sign-up is be a member of the Chamber and be a resident of the city or

have the business located here.

For Gloria Jacaruso, owner of Minuteman Press in Pompano Beach, the discount card is exactly what she needs. "We love this kind of promotion because we depend on local people to be our customers. It's hard to compete with big chains on the internet," she said.

"Our goal is for *Shop the Point* to help boost the city's economy and viability and to keep Lighthouse Point a flourishing and desirable community," said Mike McLain, chamber president. "We wanted to do something that would help our businesses, but also bring exposure to the wider community, so we developed *Shop the Point*. It's something I've wanted to do for a long time," he said.

And for McLain *Shop the Point* is the next step for the chamber, which was started because Lighthouse Point businesses weren't getting enough representation and promotion from the chambers in Pompano Beach and Deerfield Beach. "This is an excellent way for us to

[promote ourselves]. This may be a continual thing. I suspect we'll keep it going," he said. And to help customers identify which businesses are part of the program, stickers will be placed on storefronts.

Walsh said she is glad the chamber is finally pulling out its own version of shop locally campaigns that many other chambers have already done.

Alice Worden, co-owner of Worden's custom framing, located in The Shoppes of Beacon Light, said local business owners need all the help they can get.

"They're our neighbors," she said. "We try to support each other. You just want to see them stay open." Visit www.lhpcamber.com for a list of businesses participating or call Mike McLain at 954-946-6610 to sign-up.

Sample-McDougald House opens tomorrow, Dec. 1



Pompano Beach — It has taken 98 years for the Sample McDougald House to make its way to Pompano Beach.

And tomorrow, volunteers of the Sample McDougald Preservation Society will

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Dan Hobby, executive director of the Society,

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Pass it on

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He recalled one visit a few years ago when, dressed as Santa, he went to a Pompano Beach hospital. "One little boy, about 7, wanted to hold Santa's finger and wouldn't let go. He told me what he wanted for his mother, father, sister and two brothers. I told him everything he asked for

would be there, and he said, 'Thank you, Santa.'

"I didn't realize how sick he was. I learned later that he never woke up the next morning. Those things draw on your heart, and those are the reasons we're out there. Even when you're tired, this keeps you going back next year," he said.

Skip is the second of nine children and grew up in Harlem. "My marks weren't



Two attendees at last year's event show off the colorful treatment the face painter gave them.

that good. I had no aspirations for college. I thought high school would be the key to life for me," he recalled. "My parents and friends kept me on the straight and narrow."

He joined the U.S. Navy, and then IBM hired him and enrolled him in a junior engineering program. The company paid for his college studies. He eventually became hardware configuration

manager and worked on controlled design of computers on the space shuttle.

The Greenes moved to Coral Springs 17 years ago from Manassas, VA. She had worked as an engineer for the Pentagon, and he worked for IBM for 30 years. She's now employed as a cashier in the Food and Nutrition Department at Monarch High School.

They have adult twin daughters, Tanya and Tamara, who live near them, and a son Joseph, 5.

They wanted to get involved in the community and eventually decided to start an organization themselves to help needy children. They started with an event for 50 children at a Fort Lauderdale park, and that has now grown to 2,000.

They have sponsored holiday events throughout Broward County at different locations every two to three years. This is the second time in Pompano Beach. Last year 3,500 people turned out in Pompano, where nearly 2,000 toys were distributed.

Refreshments will be available at the event. Beverages are free, but there will be a charge for food. Donated items will be raffled with proceeds going to Pass the Blessings Foundation to stage even more events.

Skip has been Santa in past years, but now he says, "It's time to pass the beard" so he can be more involved in management of events.

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Mayor forces commission to reconsider pier restaurant

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – Yogurt and fruit or a heartier breakfast of bacon, eggs

and hash browns? That's the question city commissioners pondered last night as they evaluated the three top bidders to operate the new fishing pier restaurant. The

commission went into special session when it failed to accept a staff recommendation that according to Mayor Peggy Noland did not follow the city's criteria, i.e. a menu

with "traditional" breakfast items served in a restaurant with a "beach" décor.

The city's evaluation committee gave its top rating to Two Together, a restaurant group operating as BurgerFi. Its menu carried health food selections and the design was described as "industrial" by the mayor. Noland also said the name BurgerFi did not reflect a Deerfield Beach location.

"I am looking for something that will accommodate

everyone," Noland said. "I am asking the city commission to review this. We have to seriously look at this menu. I'm not seeing Father Dalton [pastor of a local church who frequented the pier restaurant] eating a banana and a granola bar."

Noland's position was opposite of Commissioner Joe Miller who lauded the menu pointing out the trend to healthy eating and the

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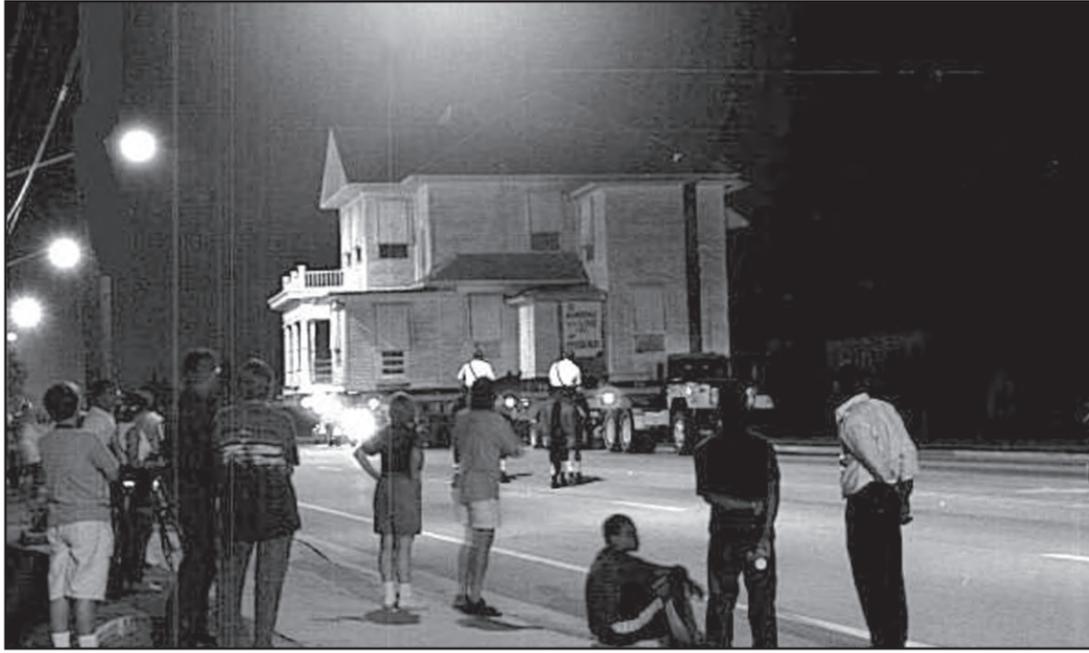
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explains that the tours will focus on the house and the families that lived there.

"Of course there will be many references to the surrounding community," he added. "Right now we are planning to start small and grow."

Persons interested in visiting the grounds will be welcome at no charge throughout the day. House tours are \$5 person. The 40-minute tours begin at 11 a.m. The last tour is at 3 p.m.

The house, built in 1916

by Neal Sample, is a 17-room Georgian Colonial structure, and served as the home for two early pioneer families: Neal and Maggie Sample and Sarah Sellers McDougald and William D. McDougald, Sr.

The home served as the base for Sample's farming operations that stretched from Lighthouse Point out west past what is today Powerline Road. Sample funded and constructed a road in 1917 for reaching his crop land. Today that thoroughfare, Sample Road, bears his name.

In the days when Pompano was a farming community and the recently completed

Dixie Highway was the only passable highway leading into Miami, the Sample-McDougald home was a stopover for motorists.

On Tuesday, the city approved funding all electrical costs for the house and its surrounding grounds, referred to as Centennial Park.

Profits from the tours and other activities will be used for programming and preservation of the structure. The house is deeded to the Society; the grounds belong to the city.

The Sample-McDougald Gift shop will also be open on Saturday and will offer sales



of books and this year's official house ornament, created by local artists Pat Anderson. The house will be open to the public on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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The concept behind the upgrade is to make guests feel they are closer to the garden and waterfall, said Deer Creek Golf Club General Manager Marty Martinez. "It's a very beautiful room. At night, it is especially spectacular," Martinez said. "We also just hired a new executive chef and have updated banquet and restaurant menus to offer fresher, higher quality food."

Several special events, including a wedding, have already been held in the Key West Room, completed just two weeks ago and is accepting bookings.

The expansion of the Key West Room is the latest upgrade to the 41-year old golf club located in Deerfield Beach off Hillsboro Boulevard just west of Military Trail.

Architect Arthur Hills has rebuilt the 7,050-yard golf course twice, in 1994 and again 2004. The lobby, smaller Biscayne banquet room, and the Grille restaurant were refurbished more recently. "We're well-known as one of the best maintained golf courses in South Florida," Martinez said. "And now we feel we

have one of the finest banquet facilities as well. We renovated our banquet room to bring it up to the standard of the rest of the club. We wanted to improve our product and bring more value to our customers."

While it offers all the amenities of an exclusive private country club, Deer Creek is open to the public 365 days a year. Membership does offer its privileges however: unlimited golf, food, beverage and pro shop discounts, advance tee times, bag storage and lockers, guest fees and charging privileges. For the daily player who wants to enjoy all that the course and clubhouse have to offer, fees vary according to the season. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner every day, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The new chef is now offering a sunset menu from 4-6 p.m. with salad, soup, breads, entree, coffee and dessert for prices ranging from \$12.95 to \$16.95.



Banquet menus have also been upgraded and the Sunday brunch remains popular. Buffets are served for most holidays including Thanksgiving and Mother's Day. And on Thursday nights, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Joey Dale and the Gingolos continue to attract fans of doo wop. There is no cover charge.

Restaurant

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décor which features recycled materials. "They nailed

it," Miller said. "It's cool, popular, in tune with the times."

Making the issue a procedural one, Ganz said, "If we believe in the evaluation

system, we should stick with it. We won't please everyone. I'd like to honor the system . . . The menu might not hit it exactly, but it is not far off."

The commission was working this week without Commissioner Marty Popelsky absent due to health reasons. When Commissioner Ben Preston said, "This is not a menu for fishermen. It is a drastic change from the past," and Vice Mayor Bill

Ganz siding with the staff recommendation, a stalemate seemed imminent.

A five-member evaluation committee rated the top three bidders out of the seven that initially responded in a process that began in August. Highest marks were given to Two Together LLC, headquartered in Delray Beach, followed by Class Act Restaurant Group LLC out of Hallandale, and Brewzzi's

in Boca Raton. Two Together offered to pay the city \$120,000 annually or five percent of gross, whichever is higher, and to invest upwards of \$350,000 in the restaurant's décor.

Class Act offered the same annual amount to operate the Deerfield Beach Café with the potential of eight percent of the gross. The bidder said it would invest \$127,000 in restaurant design. Brewzii would name the restaurant the Beach Blanket Café and offered \$95,000 annually or eight percent of gross. The contract is for 10 years.

With the commission headed for a 2-2 vote, Ganz and Miller shifted their positions and agreed that the commission should meet as the committee. City Attorney Andy Maurodis said the review must be of the same information presented in the bid packets and the bidder gaining the highest number of points will be offered the contract.

Mayor Noland urged the commissioners to re-read the city's criteria before making up their minds. "This is a very important decision, maybe the biggest we will make," she said.

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Pompano Beach Chiefs, Cowboys win Super Bowl; city honors their performances

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - They wiggled in their seats until a quick look from a coach or manager snapped them back into place.

They were the loudest voices in the room when Mayor Lamar Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The commission hall was packed with people attending to see these young football players, the Pompano Chiefs and the Pompano Cowboys, receive a proclamation by the city honoring them as Super Bowl winners.

Derell Stevenson, is the head coach for the Chiefs. "They were the last two teams standing [in their divisions]," said Stevenson, referring the 125-pound Chiefs and the 85-pound Cowboys. [The Cowboys' coach, Charles Lee, is featured on page 10.]

Stevenson, a physical education teacher in Fort Lauderdale, said he was "very proud" of the players. He encourages all children to get involved in team sports. "It teaches them discipline, team work and responsibility," he said.

Volunteer coach Donald Jackson also attended the event.

Cost to be a little league football player is an \$88 registration fee that covers uniforms, transportation and equipment. Stevenson says volunteers like himself and other coaches host fund raisers so all interested children get to play.

The league is divided into five weight classes. Pompano fields three teams, the Chiefs, the Cowboys and the Tigers. This year, Pompano teams had opponents from both Broward and Palm Beach counties.



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In keeping with Super Bowl tradition, these two winning teams will receive trophies and Super Bowl rings at the upcoming banquet in January at the E. Pat Larkins Center that brings the football season to a close.

For information about next year's season, call 954-786-4131 [Chiefs], 954-786-7882 [Cowboys] or 954-786-7871 [Tigers]. Teams are open to boys ages five to 15.

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Keller

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Palm Beach County Police Athletic League, which over the years took him around the state to Fort Meyers, Gainesville, Orlando, Key West and Georgia.

But it took more than hot summer days and nights on the diamond to get to Stetson, located in DeLand, Florida. Tyler's parents hired a private pitching coach and Tyler spent countless fall, winter and spring days on a strict diet, eating and breathing baseball. "As a mom, I see how hard he worked at it, and he's given up so much. Every day after school, the private trainer, the diet, the protein shakes. It's so much work," Arlene said. "I don't think anyone who didn't want it this bad wouldn't have been able to do what he did."

"I've been pitching ever since I was 8 or 10. I've pretty much sacrificed everything else in my life for baseball; time with friends, family gatherings. But I think it was worth it," said Tyler, who plans to study either sports medicine or sports management when he's not throwing a fast ball, curveball or a slider – his best pitch.

"It's great finally knowing what I'm going to do with the next four years of my life. It's a big burden off my shoulders."

Wilton Manors lighting ceremony

Wilton Manors – Resident, city officials and staff will be on hand for the city's annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Jaycee Park, located at the corner of Wilton Drive and Northeast 21 Court. In addition to lighting the Christmas Tree there will also be the lighting of the Menorah and Kinara. Call 954-390-2130.

Chanukah ice sculpture event

Deerfield Beach – Chabad of North Broward Beaches will hold its annual Menorah lighting ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. on South Ocean Way between Southeast 1 Street and Southeast 2 Street. There will be entertainment, food and a sculpturer carving a menorah out of 500 lbs of ice at 4 p.m. Visit www.JewishLHP.com.

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Fort Lauderdale HS gets new \$3.2 million pool



The new \$3.2 million facility at Fort Lauderdale High School was called a "tribute to swimming" by Mikaela Aponte, girls swimming team captain.

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Fort Lauderdale – There's no public pool in Wilton Manors but residents of the Island City now have one very close to home – at Fort Lauderdale High School.

Recently, current and former students, teachers and coaches along with residents and state and local officials celebrated the grand opening of the pool, a \$3.2 million project that took 16 months to build.

And while the pool isn't yet open to the public, Greg Boardman, the project manager for Broward Schools, said officials are working on opening it for public use and for use by other schools like Wilton Manors Elementary.

The design process started only three years ago, but the pool was the end result of years of lobbying by teachers, parents, students and school officials.

"You don't know how many times we came close to the edge of losing this project," said Broward School Board Member Maureen Dinnen, the pool's top advocate on the board.

"Eight years ago, she was determined she would be at this pool before she left," said Mary Fertig, a Fort Lauderdale High alumnus. Dinnen decided not to seek re-election for her Dist. 3 seat this year.

The opening of the new pool comes not a moment too soon.

Former Fort Lauderdale swim coach Ron Green and current swim coach Debbie Cavanaugh said the old facility, dedicated in March of 1971, was on its last legs and starting to deteriorate.

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Munsell

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#142 in Pompano Beach where he was commodore of the Sons of the American Legion, assistant director of the American Legion Riders, a motorcycle club, and deeply involved with 'Death With Dignity,' a legion initiative that provides needy veterans with full military burials. According to his friend Ron "Frenchie" Boulay, director of Post #142, it was "a favorite project."

Boulay said, "He wore

many hats, and he was especially fond of the woman." Boulay said Munsell had an impressive "black book" of woman's names and phone numbers and he is remembered around Deerfield for always being courtly to the ladies.

The accident occurred as Munsell, driving his Harley east on Commercial, approached the intersection of University Drive. A car pulled out of a parking lot and Munsell swerved to avoid hitting it, struck the median and was thrown from this bike. According to Boulay, his neck

was broken and he died instantly. Munsell was returning home after having dinner with some of his family members who came upon the accident scene shortly after it occurred.

Munsell lived at the Hill-sboro Cove. He is survived by his mother Myrtle, sister Cynthia Kyle and her husband, Camron.

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Volunteers rack up many hours helping make LBTS friendlier and safer

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – Volunteers with the Citizen Observer Patrol [COP] contributed 1,050 hours and drove 2,886 miles this year, providing an extra set of eyes and ears in the community to help prevent crime.

“LBTS is one of the smaller districts of the Broward Sheriff’s Office,” Chief Oscar Llerena noted. “But in terms of volunteer hours and miles patrolled, we’re in the top one-third. That’s an amazing contribution and a reflection of the residents,” he said. All the COP volunteers are LBTS residents.

COP volunteers help BSO fight crime by patrolling their community looking for suspicious activity or potential hazards and offering assistance to residents.

Typical assignments, in addition to patrol activities, include performing checks on unoccupied residences [at the owner’s request], checking on elderly or homebound residents as requested and reporting potential problems and neighborhood hazards to



Mayor Roseann Minnet hugs Mike San Miguel.

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COP volunteers wear uniforms and drive specially marked vehicles, adding to the crime-fighting presence in the community.

Llerena introduced those who received volunteer service awards for

contributing 500 and 1,000 hours of service since 2008.

Awards for 1,000 hours went to Maj. Mike San Miguel and Margaret Reichenstein. San Miguel, the most senior group member, was recognized for 3,500 hours of total service since

joining the program in 1996.

Awards for 500 hours went to Col. William Johansen, Maj. Louis Barbara, Sgt. Louis DelPozzo, Sgt. Orazio Arcidiacono, Pat Dubois and June Lassel.

“We are doing a job, a job that really has more price than money can buy,” San Miguel said after accepting his award. “When we take care of our community and keep it in good shape, we don’t have to

worry about the future. We’re working for today, tomorrow and many, many years to come.”

More COP volunteers are always welcome, BSO Sgt. Peter LaGana said. Applications can be obtained through the BSO website (sheriff.org) or the LBTS district office. LaGana or Johansen can be reached at (954) 640-4240 to answer any questions.

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Pool

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coming out from the bottom and the bathrooms were small and run down. "Our older facility got a little neglected there at the end," said Green.

On the bright side, said Cavanaugh, the heater always did its job. Other than that, "It's wonderful. I'm ecstatic. [The new pool] does have an impact on the swimming and the other teams are a little

intimidated when they come here."

Mikaela Aponte, girls swimming team captain, only wishes the new pool had been built during her freshman year, not as she is heading off to New York University to study medicine. "While the old pool filled a need the new pool is a tribute to swimming," she said.

Along with the new state-of-the-art pool, which is 75 by 77 ft., holds 382,000 gallons and is 6 1/2 to 12 ft. deep,



Students, teachers, school administrators and city, county and state officials celebrated the grand opening of the new pool facility.

there is a teaching pool and some state-of-the-art extras: an electronic scoreboard and Colorado Touchpads, which determine exactly when a

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T.J. Lawrence, the school's athletic director,

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Pompano Beach – The city's annual Holiday Boat Parade, held on Dec. 9, runs along the Intracoastal Waterway in Pompano Beach, Lighthouse Point and Hillsboro Beach before ending at the Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach line.

This year the event will start at Lake Santa Barbara at 6 p.m. There will be prizes for the best shoreline decor. Parade participants are asked to be in place no later than 5:30 p.m. Captain's pre-party is Dec. 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the Isle Casino, 777 Isle of Capri, Pompano Beach. Visit www.pompanobeachchamber.com for more information.



Capt. RJ Boyle is an experienced angler in South Florida. His studio is located in Lighthouse Point. Call 954-420-5001.

Sightings

A community calendar for Northeast Broward County. Send your event information to mdpelican@yahoo.com

11-30 – Dinner and a show at the Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach. The comedy Auntie Mame will be shown at 8 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30. There is also a 2 p.m. performance on Dec. 2. Tickets are \$20. 954-786-4590.

11-30 – Guy Harvey will be signing and personalizing purchases at West Marine,

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12-1 – World AIDS Day candlelight vigil along Wilton Drive starting at city hall, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees encouraged to wear red. Candles will be supplied.

12-1 – 20 panel display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at the Riverside Hotel, 620 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in honor of World AIDS Day. 954-258-8382.

12-1 – WRMF No Snow Ball at 7 p.m. at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 201 West Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Concert features Gavin DeGraw, Tristan Prettyman, Phillip Phillips and Hedley.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$20 at the door. Visit www.myboca.us/MiznerAmphi for tickets.

12-1 & 12-2 – City-Wide Market from 9 to 5 p.m. War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8 St., Ft. Lauderdale. Free admission and parking. Vintage and locally made good available for sale. Over 200 vendors. 954-785-7475.

12-3 – Chabad of Palm Aire host an evening of song and music at 5:45 p.m. at the Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach. Light dinner will be served. 954-228-3338

12-3 – Retired Educators Social Club meeting at 12 p.m. at 6343 Via de Sonrisa del Sur, Boca Raton. Open to

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TIDES TABLE • HILLSBORO INLET

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Friday, Nov. 30 Low 2:47 AM High 9:13 AM Low 3:14 PM High 9:17 PM	Monday, Dec. 3 Low 4:38 AM High 11:11 AM Low 5:10 PM High 11:24 PM	Thursday, Dec. 6 High 1:09 AM Low 7:10 AM High 1:28 PM Low 7:47 PM
Saturday, Dec. 1 Low 3:23 AM High 9:51 AM Low 3:51 PM High 9:57 PM	Tuesday, Dec. 4 Low 5:22 AM High 11:53 AM Low 5:56 PM	This Week's Tide Tables should not be used for navigational purposes. Boaters should confirm tables with the Coast Guard Weather Station Information taken from www.saltwatertides.com
Sunday, Dec. 2 Low 3:59 AM High 10:30 AM Low 4:29 PM High 10:39 PM	Wednesday, Dec. 5 High 12:13 AM Low 6:12 AM High 12:38 PM Low 6:49 PM	

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David Giannone started Complete Marine in the 20th Century, but he's determined to bring it as far into the 21st as he can.

After repurchasing the marina at 800 South Federal Highway in Pompano Beach in 2011, almost 10 years after he sold it, and 27 years after he first opened his doors to the yachting community, Giannone made his business a one-stop shop for all boating needs – from fuel, to fiberglass, to engine repairs.

Asked why he sold Giannone Marine [original name] in 2002, Giannone replied, "Somebody wanted it worse than me."

But, when he found out the owners were looking to sell, he saw a "good opportunity to get back and make Complete Marine the best service and sales marina in Broward County."

"I'm building this facility the way I have always wanted it; using today's technology. It's been a rewarding challenge. I want this state-of-the-art," he added.

It all begins in the remodeled service and sales department. Once Complete Marine's technicians (who, incidentally, have more than 120 years of collective experience) have located the cause of the problem – whether it's an electrical issue, metal corrosion, mechanical trouble or fouled bottom – the owners can view photos of the parts or areas in question on a giant flat screen monitor.

"It's a broad spectrum of issues," said General Manager Kevin Zimbrick. "And every picture is kept on file for future use by Complete Marine," said Zimbrick. "Customers can view the entire history of their boat's service and repair. It even comes in handy if there's an insurance claim down the road."

Technicians also take care of the aesthetic details of the boats, including painting, buffing, waxing, lettering and graphics, and fiberglass work – everything to make the vessel look as good as it runs.

"We handle big and small boats. If it's a boat and it needs something, we can handle it," says Giannone. Currently, Complete Marine can haul boats out of the water as large as 55 feet, but a newer marine travel lift allows them to haul boats as big as 70 feet and will be



ready next month.

And for boats that can't make the trip to Complete Marine for servicing or repair, Giannone's staff is available for dockside service. To accommodate all the boats Complete Marine has 50 slips at the marina, with enough combined dock space for 115 vessels. The slips, equipped with shore power and water, can become temporary homes while being serviced, or a permanent one from which to start any nautical outing. New seawalls are equipped with built-in lights; "It makes it a lot nicer for people to back their boats in at nighttime," said Marty Finklestine, sales manager.

Giannone recently installed a new fuel dock (gas/Diesel) with an advanced water monitoring feature. The underground steel tanks are not only equipped with electronic sensors which make it impossible to dispense water, but they are also recognized worldwide for their environmentally safe track record.

Complete Marine's customers benefit from new technology and services, and they benefit from geography. Complete Marine is situated in a deep water area, just off Lake Santa Barbara, with no fixed bridges to hinder the

The staff at Complete Marine can help boaters forge a long-lasting relationship with their vessels. From purchase to maintenance to docking and selling, Complete Marine's staff can take care of everything a boat owner need to enjoy them for years to come. "If it's a boat, and it needs something, we can handle it," says owner Dave Giannone.

short boat ride from its docks through the Intracoastal and into the Atlantic Ocean. With the facility located on the east side of U.S. 1 "we don't have to drag your boat out at a ramp to service it," said Giannone. "Everything's right here."

The 'Everything' includes a boat brokerage and sales department. If an owner is looking to sell their boat, and purchase a bigger one perhaps, then Complete

Marine can assist with the whole process, including shipping, insurance and financing. "On average, we have 65 boats for sale [at any one time]. From small tenders on up to 70-footers," said Finklestine. Using multi-level advertising, targeted mailings and online exposure Complete Marine has a sound history of consistently selling boats.

As someone who has served the boating community for more than 30 years and plans to continue to do so for

many more, Giannone knows the importance of building and maintaining good relationships not only for today but for tomorrow too.

"It's a lifetime relationship," says Giannone, a man who is always looking past the horizon and far into the future."

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Cowboys

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Hollywood Pal Eagles 19 – 0. They lost one game to Lauderdale Lakes 19 – 21.

In the Playoffs, they beat the Hollywood Pal Eagles 19 – 0; Pompano Chiefs 6 – 0; Lauderdale Lions 6 – 0.

After showing his list of wins which made his team champs, Lee says, “We still have one game to play, called ‘The Bowl after the Bowl. We don’t know who we are up against at this point, but if we win that game, we go for the State Title.’”

Asked how they get to the games, he explains. “Many parents will load up their cars

and drive. Occasionally we take a bus which the City subsidizes. As the boys age and weight out, they move up into the next category, and I rebuild my team, adding new boys.”

Van Warren, vice president of the South Florida Youth Football League, is better known as Coach Peanuts.

Asked about Coach Lee, he said, “I’d say he’s a good coach. He won the Super Bowl this year. That should answer your question. I’ve been part of the League for 20 years. The boys get a great experience. Our players build skills in a sport and learn to be part of a team. Good life lessons.”

Lee probably spends most late afternoons and early evening coaching.

The father of four children, he says, “None are football players. I have a son attending Florida State and a daughter attending Bethune-Cookman University. My daughter, Lexus, 11, plays basketball for Pompano Middle School and the A.A. U. My son, Martavious, 8, plays soccer.

The Pelican congratulates Coach Lee and the Pompano Cowboys on taking the Super Bowl.

Thank you Coach Lee for the countless hours you have spent with youngsters who have benefited from your time and talents.

in enough revenue to cover expenses. Rates hadn’t increased in the south end since 2004, while Pompano Beach had increased rates on the north end several times in the same period.

“We don’t have our own sewage plant, so we’re captives of Pompano Beach,” Commissioner Mark Brown noted.

Brown said the commission tried to adopt the rates Pompano Beach charges residents in the north but condo residents and hotel owners complained about being charged per unit when many were not occupied.

Next Burton studied the rates and came up with a structure, but the rates put more of a burden on single-family homes. The study was redone, at commissioners’ request, resulting in the currently proposed rates. This time he calculated the actual water use by every commercial user in town.

“Certainly we need a reserve fund, but if we reach the point where we have \$2 million in the fund, I would favor lowering fees and waiving the reserve,” Brown said.

He plans to meet with Pompano Beach officials regarding that city’s methodology in determining rates.

Sasser said he has voted against the new rates all along and did that again Tuesday. “There’s a difference in philosophy,” he said. “I’d rather charge less now. I want us to look at this again at budget time. I don’t think we need to put \$1 million in reserves.”

Burton’s projections call for no change in rates next year but then 3.5 percent increases every year after that, Hoffmann said. Some restaurant owners, faced with large increases, complained that not all the water they use ends up in the sewer system.

The new law is similar to Fort Lauderdale’s, allowing for separate charges for usage.

Separate metering will allow the customer to have that water usage excluded for purposes of calculating their sewer bill. Customers interested in exploring that option need to submit an application to Fort Lauderdale for consideration.

The ordinance was modified to indicate that if the city of Fort Lauderdale isn’t able to implement the change in time for the January billing cycle, the change will be implemented in the February billing cycle.

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Wilton Drive and Northeast 21 Court, at 6:30 p.m.

12-8 – Friends of the Library book tent event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. Donations help underwrite the cost of

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